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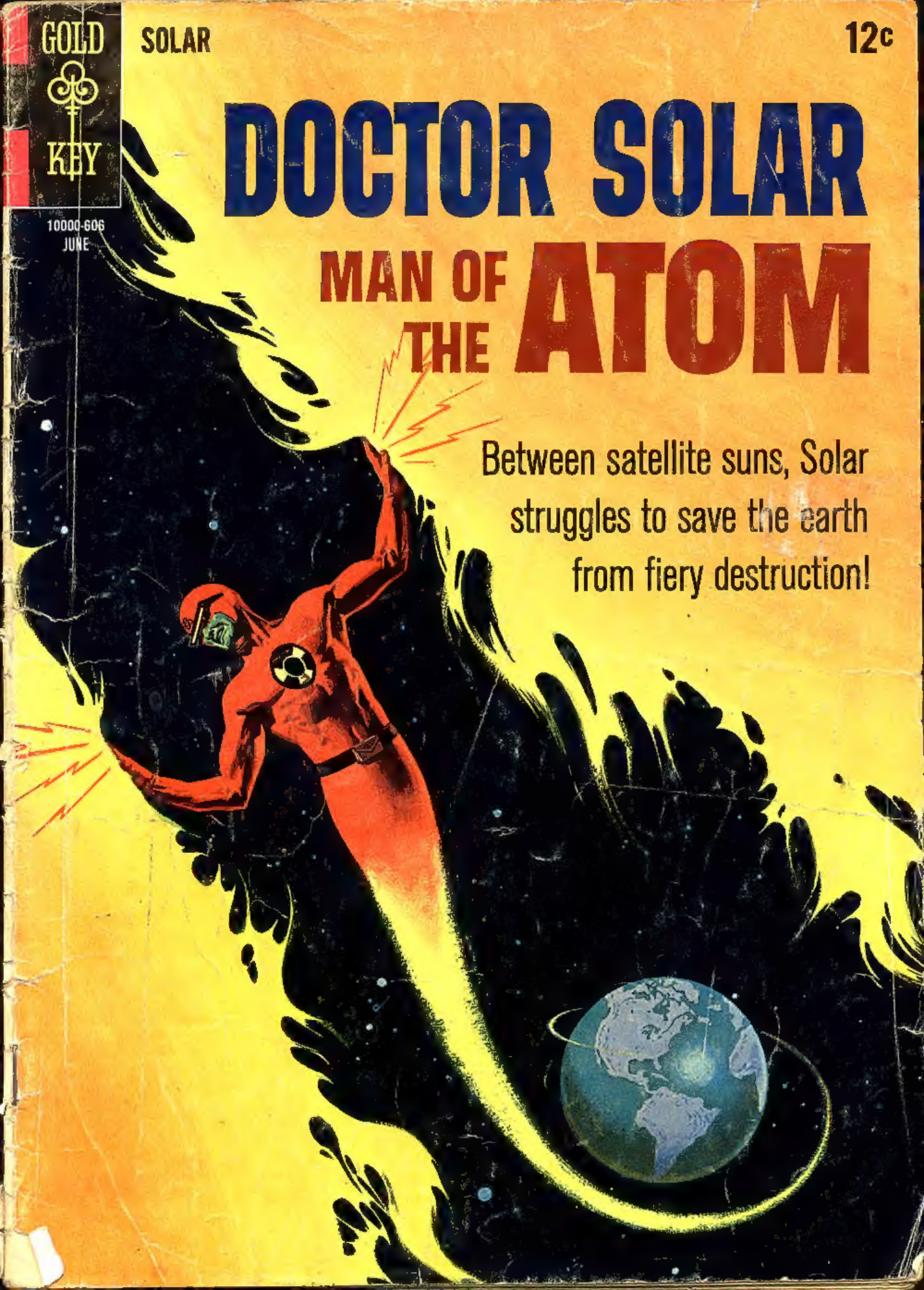
MAN OF THE ATOM

Between satellite suns, Solar struggles to save the earth from fiery destruction!



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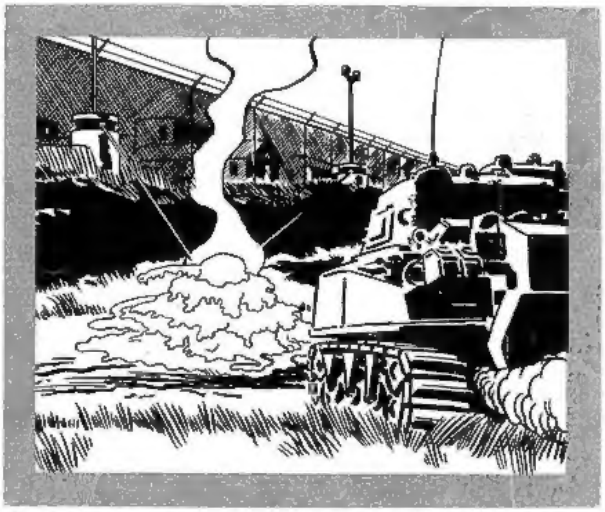
SECRETS OF ATOM VALLEY

The psycho-com permits the advanced scientists to transmit their complicated theories by means of thought waves.

When worn by one of Atom Valley's scientists, the power-pack gives him hyper-strength surpassing that of the gorilla.

The earth-diving suit enables scientists to search the earth for treasures, just as a diver plumbs the ocean depths.

In Atom Valley's hospitals doctors use the electron-scalpel with which to operate on the body without piercing the skin.



Guarding the roads to Atom Valley are laser batteries whose beams of radiant energy can put a halt to any attackers.

WOOOOSH!
I-I CAN'T DISPERSE IT!—I'M HELPLESS! ...MY OWN ATOMIC POWER ONLY ADDS NUCLEAR FUEL TO THE INFERNO!— T-THERE'S ONLY ONE TERRIBLE WAY TO DESTROY IT!...
WE'VE WON!—THE MAN OF THE ATOM IS HELPLESS AS A KITTEN! IN 48 HOURS WE'LL RUN ATOM VALLEY!
THE FIREBALL BORN IN NURO'S SECRET LABORATORIES CAME PLUMMETING OUT OF THE HEAVENS AS IF THE SUN ITSELF HAD HURTLED OUT OF ORBIT!—THE SCREAMING MASS OF INCANDESCENT HEAT SEARED THE AFRICAN SANDS INTO A MOLTEN "STREET OF GLASS"--AND SOLAR, THE MAN OF THE ATOM, KNEW HE COULD ONLY SAVE MANKIND FROM NURO'S EVIL GENIUS BY LAUNCHING...
The WAR of the SUNS

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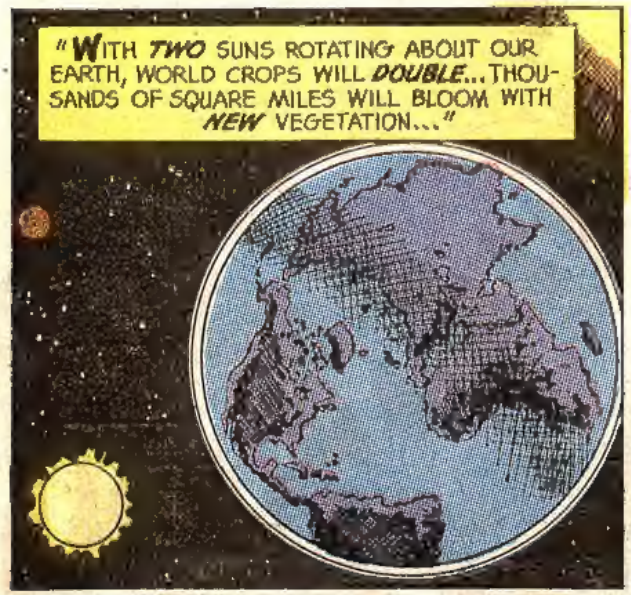
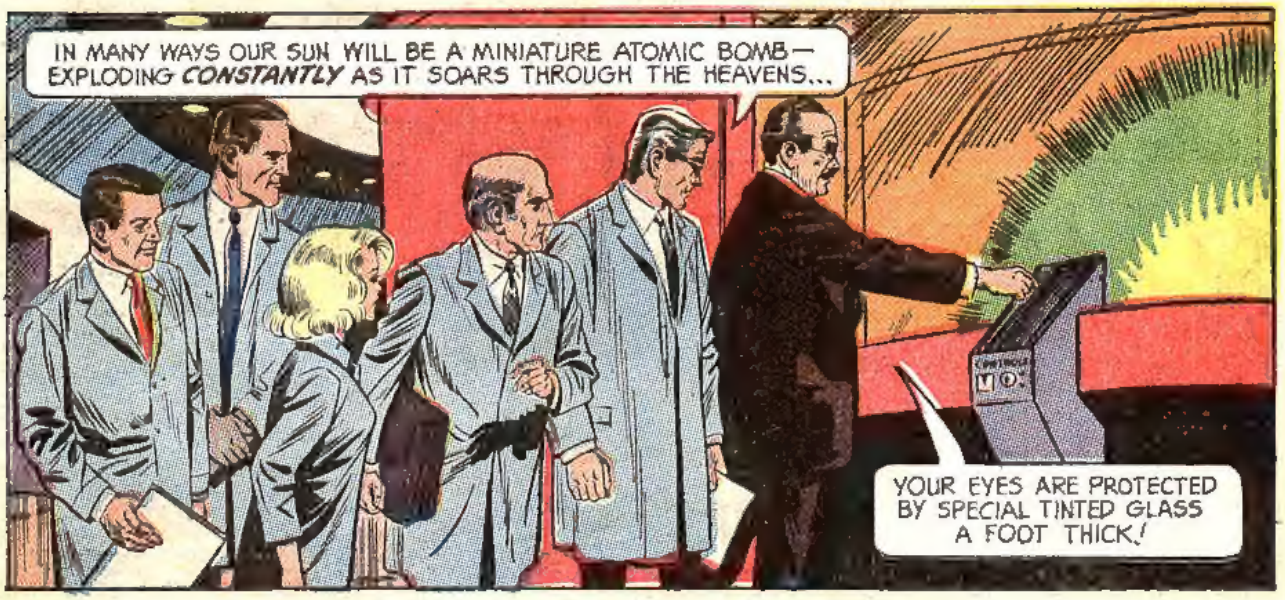
AT ATOM VALLEY, THE NATION'S TOP ATOMIC LABORATORY, A TOP SECRET PROJECT IS KICKED OFF...
EACH FAMILIAR FACE IS CHECKED AND RECHECKED... AN X-RAY CAMERA TAKES PICTURES TO CHECK DENTAL WORK AND ASSURE AGAINST DISGUISES...
FINALLY, CLEARANCE IS COMPLETE... MASSIVE DOORS OPEN INTO THE SPECIAL BUILDING AND DR. CLARKSON...
THIS IS IT, GENTLEMEN—AND GAIL! AT LONG LAST WE'RE GOING AHEAD WITH PROJECT RA! IT'S TOP PRIORITY AND YOU FIVE WILL BE HER KEY PEOPLE! BUT, FIRST, LET US REVIEW THE OPERATION!
THERE ARE TWO REASONS WHY A SYNTHETIC SATELLITE SUN SHOULD BE BUILT...
SUN
SAT.
EARTH
SAT.
"AS WE ALL KNOW, OUR SUN MUST DIE OUT AND EARTH WILL BECOME A FROZEN WASTE-LAND UNLESS STEPS ARE TAKEN..."
THEY SAID OUR ANCESTORS KNEW FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS IT WOULD HAPPEN—BUT NOBODY DID ANYTHING!

BUT THAT PROBLEM IS VERY SECONDARY TO US! OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROTECT HUMANITY NOW BY LIGHTING THE DARK SIDE OF EARTH... KEEPING THE WORLD UNDER CONSTANT 24-HOUR SUNLIGHT...

"AN EXPLODING POPULATION MAKES THIS VITAL! SOON, THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED THE WORLD... UNLESS WE CAN GROW FOOD DAY AND NIGHT..."
WHAT A WONDERFUL SIGHT!—THE SUN IS SETTING IN THE WEST... BUT OUR NEW SATELLITE SUN IS JUST COMING UP IN THE EAST! WE CAN GROW FOOD ALL "NIGHT."

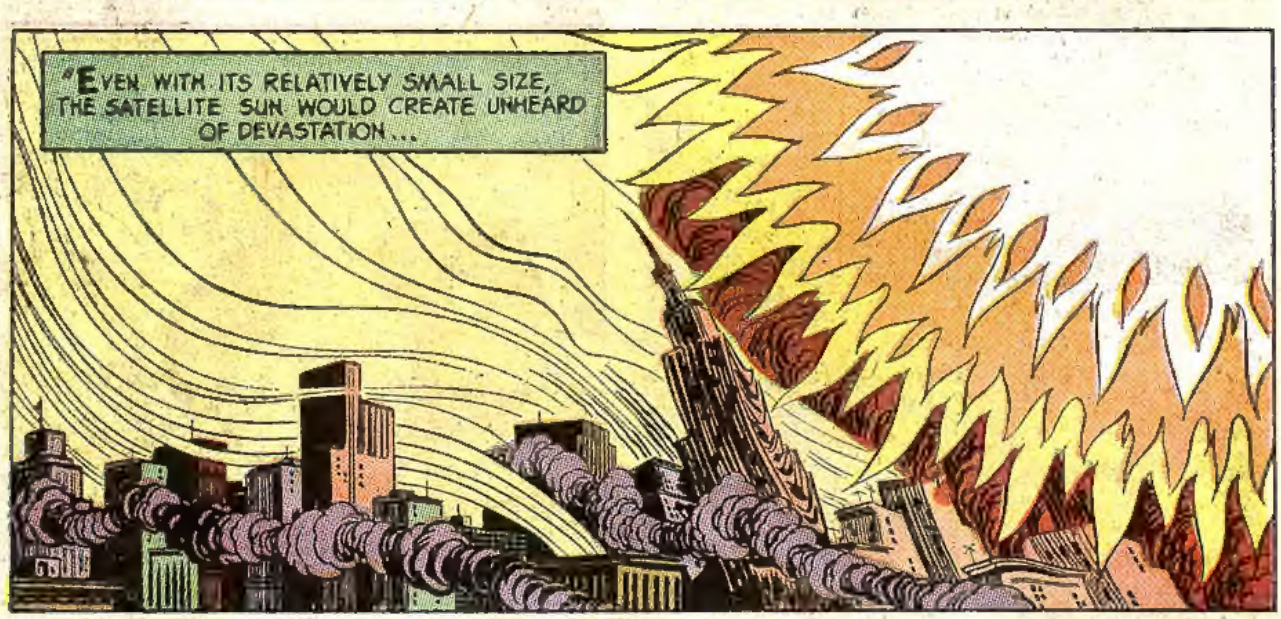

"WITH TWO SUNS ROTATING ABOUT OUR EARTH, WORLD CROPS WILL DOUBLE... THOUSANDS OF SQUARE MILES WILL BLOOM WITH NEW VEGETATION..."

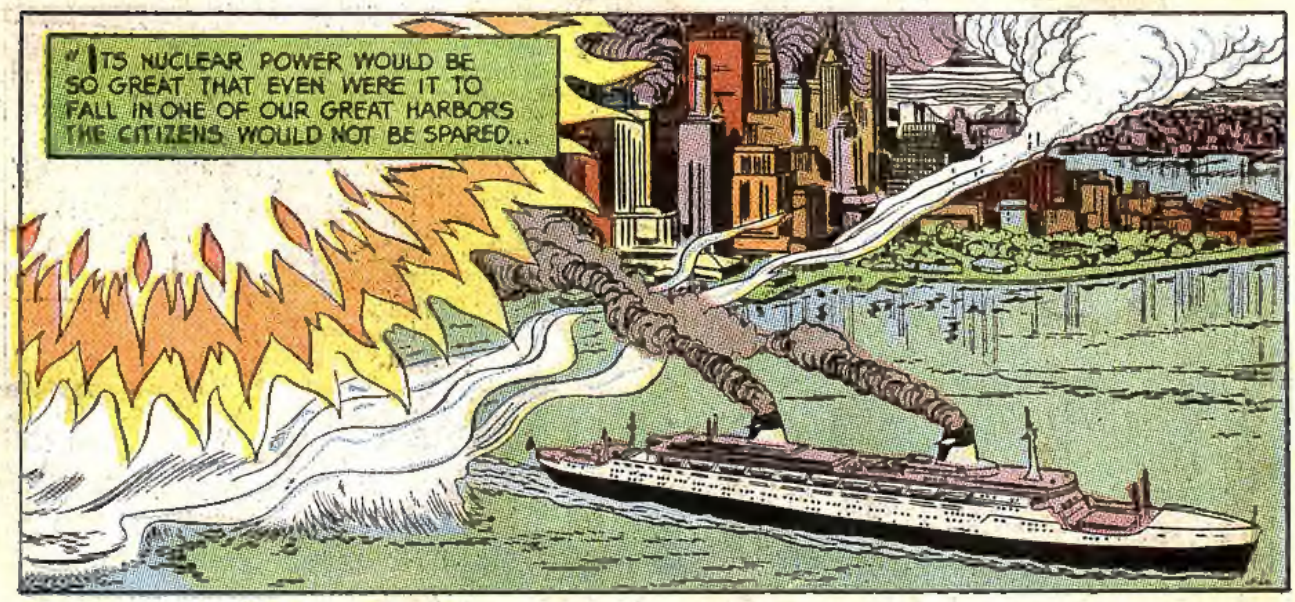
DR. SOLAR, PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER TAKE OVER AND TELL US ABOUT THE DANGERS WE FACE WHILE MAKING THE SYNTHETIC SUN IN OUR ATOMIC FURNACE HERE!
CERTAINLY...

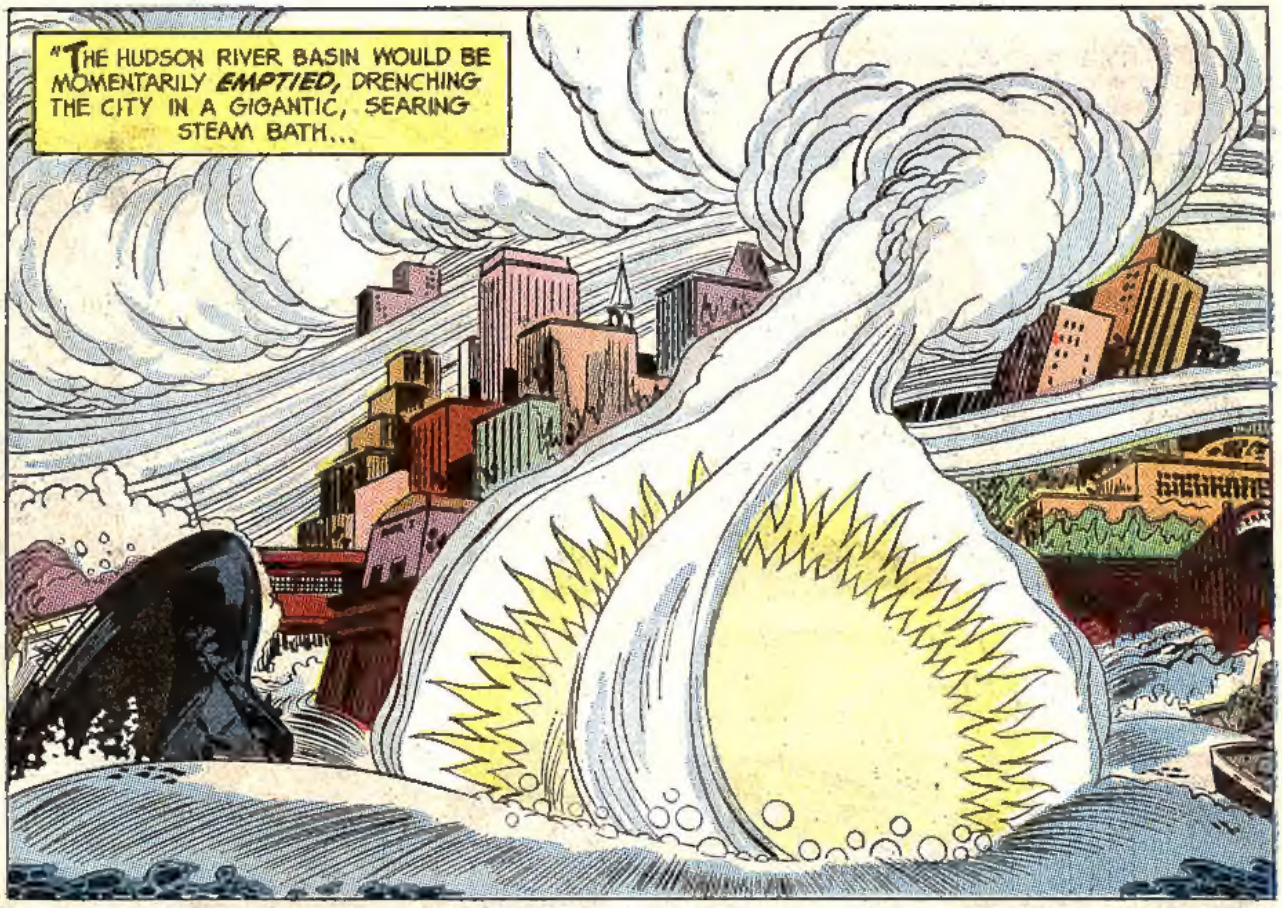

IN MANY WAYS OUR SUN WILL BE A MINIATURE ATOMIC BOMB— EXPLODING CONSTANTLY AS IT SOARS THROUGH THE HEAVENS...
YOUR EYES ARE PROTECTED BY SPECIAL TINTED GLASS A FOOT THICK!

"ITS ORBIT MUST BE PERFECTLY CALCULATED SO THAT IT DOES NOT COME TOO NEAR OR TOO FAR FROM THE EARTH! ANY ERROR WOULD BE FATAL TO HUMANITY..."
SOMETHING'S WRONG!— ITS PERIGEE SWEEP IS TOO CLOSE!...

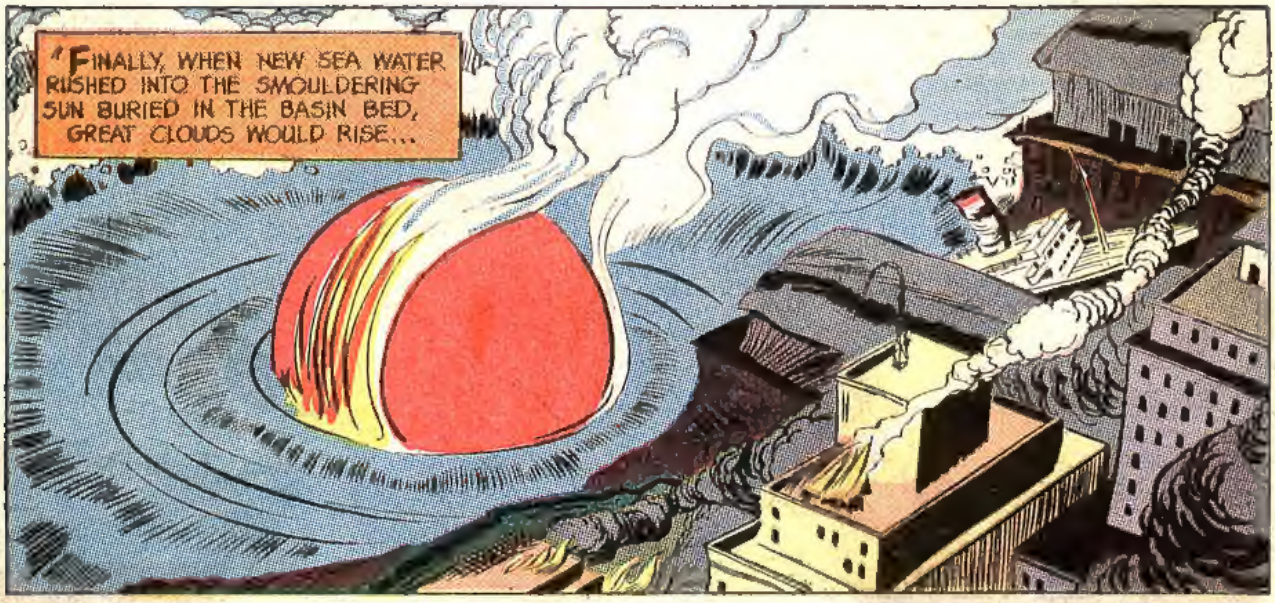
IT'S FALLEN OUT OF ORBIT! THE SYNTHETIC SUN IS ON COLLISION COURSE WITH EARTH!
GREAT GRIEF! TH-THERE'S NO ESCAPE!—


"EVEN WITH ITS RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE, THE SATELLITE SUN WOULD CREATE UNHEARD OF DEVASTATION...

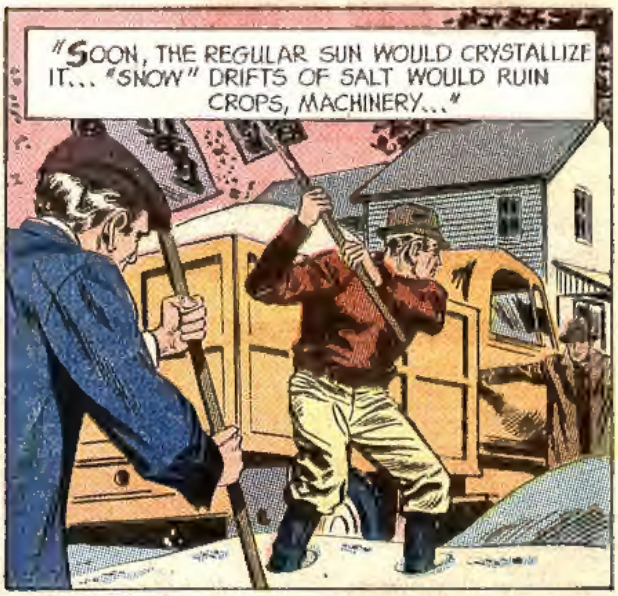

"ITS NUCLEAR POWER WOULD BE SO GREAT THAT EVEN WERE IT TO FALL IN ONE OF OUR GREAT HARBORS THE CITIZENS WOULD NOT BE SPARED...

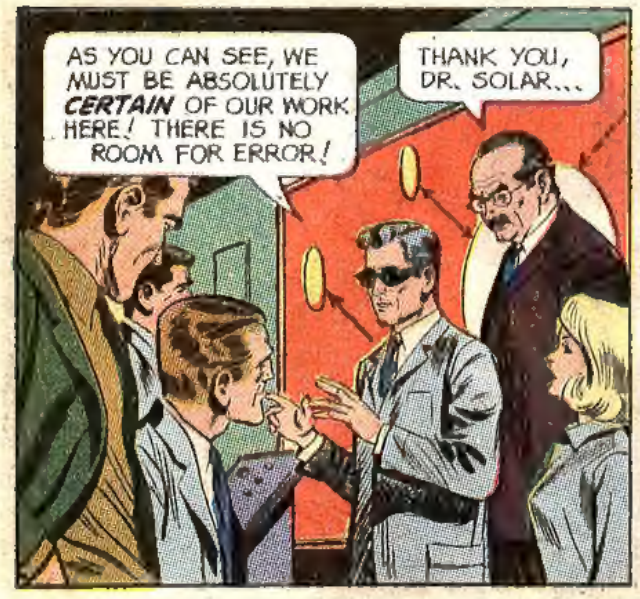

"THE HUDSON RIVER BASIN WOULD BE MOMENTARILY EMPTIED, DRENCHING THE CITY IN A GIGANTIC, SEARING STEAM BATH...

"THE CATACLYSMIC IMPACT WOULD JAR THE EARTH FOR FIFTY MILES AROUND...NEIGHBORING TOWNS WOULD RECEIVE EARTHQUAKE-FORCE SHOCK WAVES..."
YAAAAAA! I-IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!

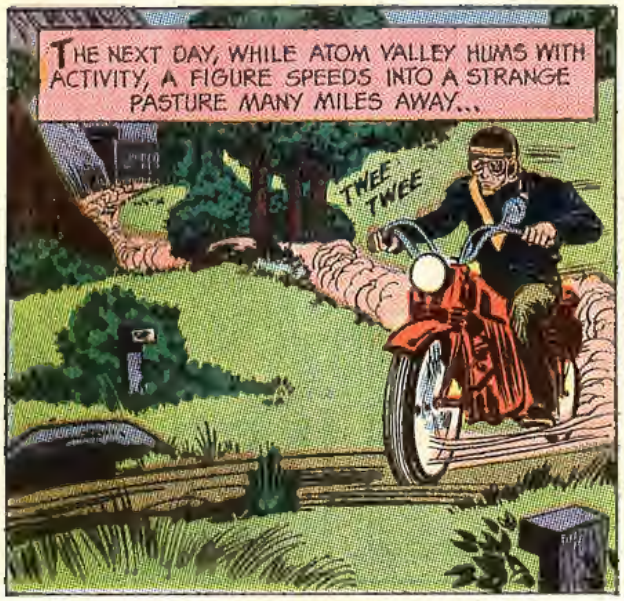

"FINALLY, WHEN NEW SEA WATER RUSHED INTO THE SMOULDERING SUN BURIED IN THE BASIN BED, GREAT CLOUDS WOULD RISE...

"PERHAPS FOR *MONTHS* THESE TERRIBLE OCEAN CLOUDS WOULD DELUGE THE NATION WITH TORRENTS OF SALT RAIN...

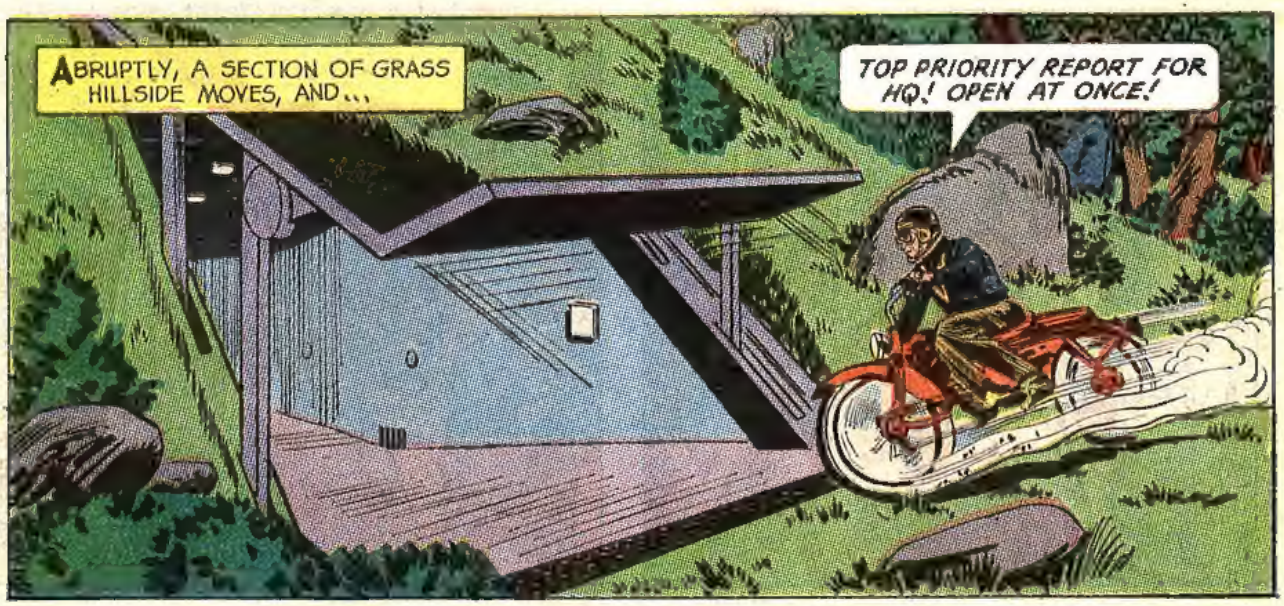

"SOON, THE REGULAR SUN WOULD CRYSTALLIZE IT... "SNOW" DRIFTS OF SALT WOULD RUIN CROPS, MACHINERY..."

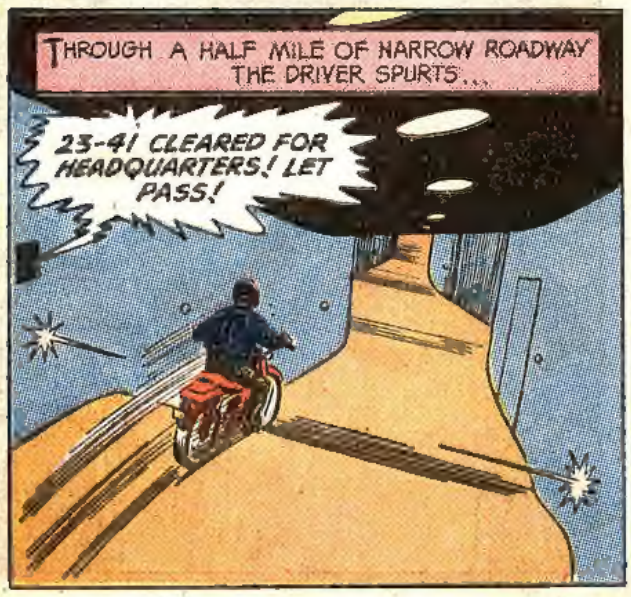

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE MUST BE ABSOLUTELY *CERTAIN* OF OUR WORK HERE! THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ERROR!
THANK YOU, DR. SOLAR...

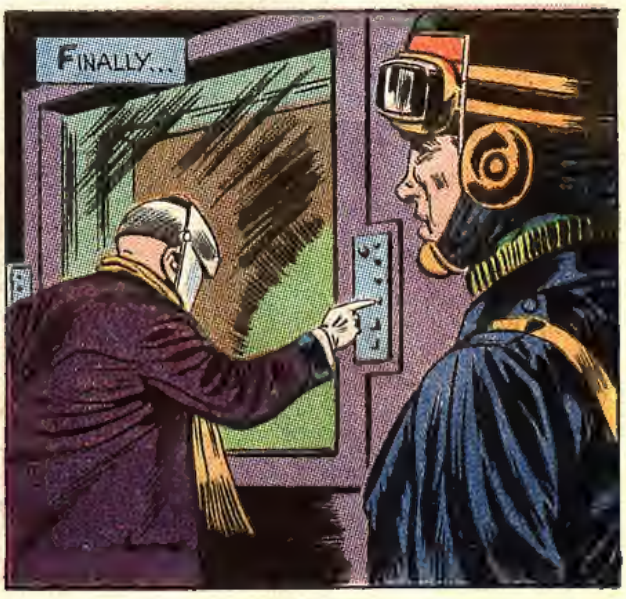
NOW, LET'S GO TO *WORK!* THE GOVERNMENT WANTS OUR SATELLITE SUN IN ORBIT THE *DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY!*


THE NEXT DAY, WHILE ATOM VALLEY HUMS WITH ACTIVITY, A FIGURE SPEEDS INTO A STRANGE PASTURE MANY MILES AWAY...
TWEE TWEE

THEN...
23-41 REPORTING! THE DAY'S CODE IS SURRENDER!


ABRUPTLY, A SECTION OF GRASS HILLSIDE MOVES, AND...
TOP PRIORITY REPORT FOR HQ.! OPEN AT ONCE!


THROUGH A HALF MILE OF NARROW ROADWAY THE DRIVER SPURTS...
23-41 CLEARED FOR HEADQUARTERS! LET PASS!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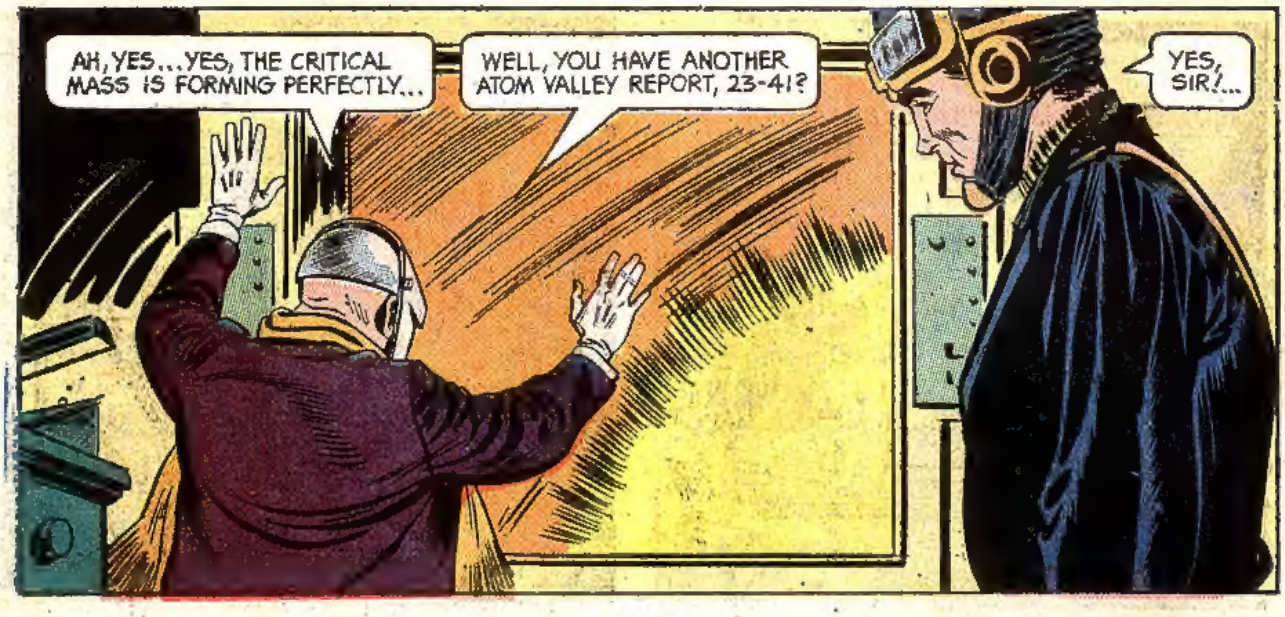
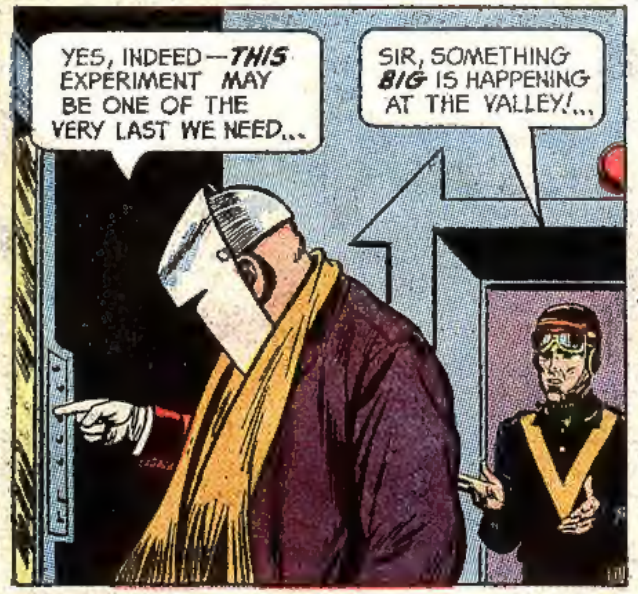
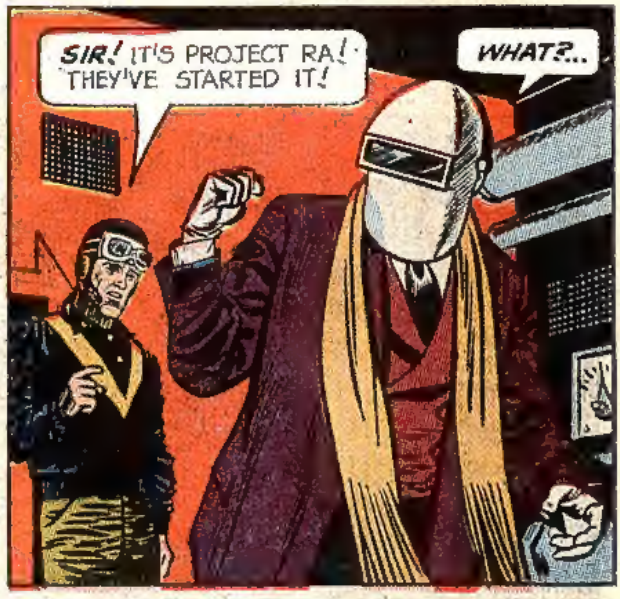
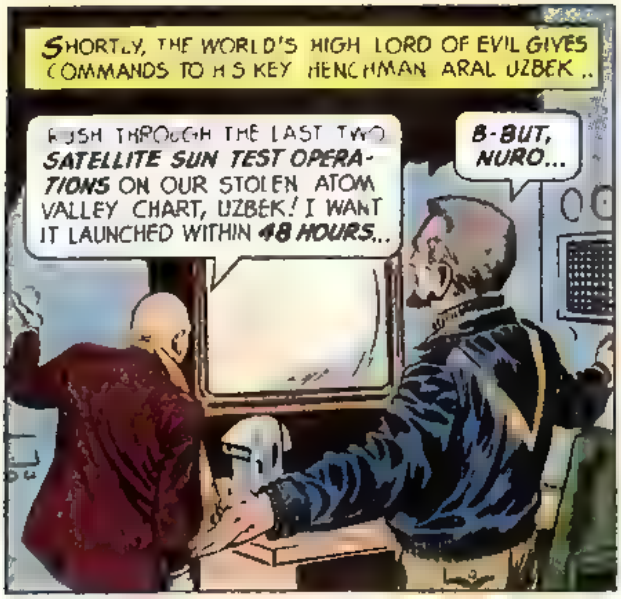

AH, YES...YES, THE CRITICAL MASS IS FORMING PERFECTLY...
WELL, YOU HAVE ANOTHER ATOM VALLEY REPORT, 23-41?
YES, SIR!...

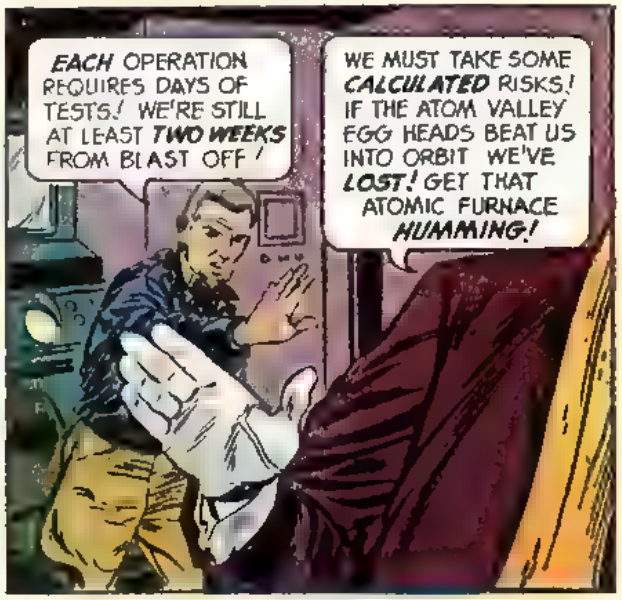

YES, INDEED—*THIS* EXPERIMENT *MAY* BE ONE OF THE VERY LAST WE NEED...
SIR, SOMETHING *BIG* IS HAPPENING AT THE VALLEY!...


SIR! IT'S PROJECT RA! THEY'VE STARTED IT!
WHAT?...

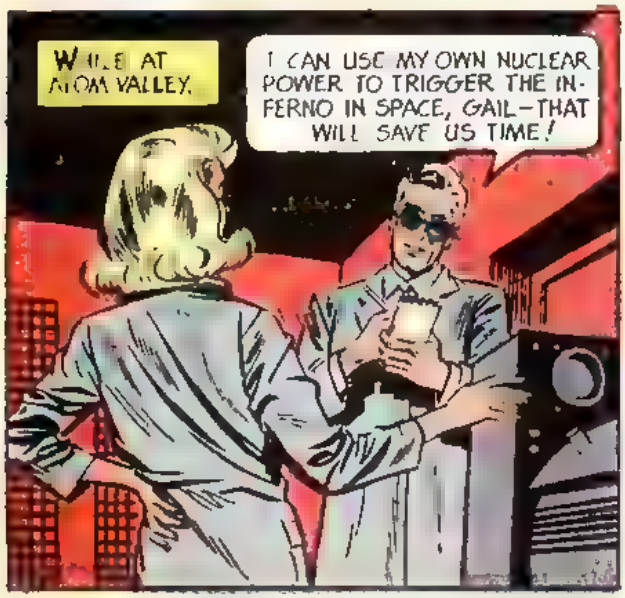
ARE YOU POSITIVE? ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE?
A VERIFIED REPORT FROM YOUR AGENT INSIDE, SIR!

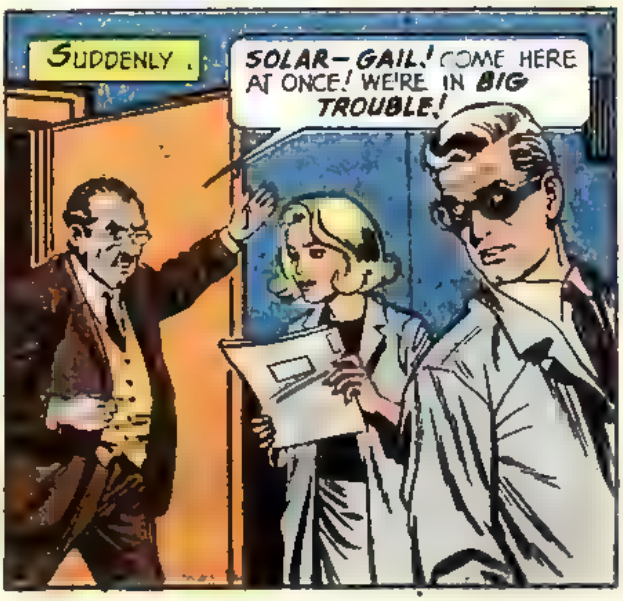
SUDDENLY, NURO'S HAND PRESSES AN ALARM MECHANISM...
WHEEE-EEEEEE

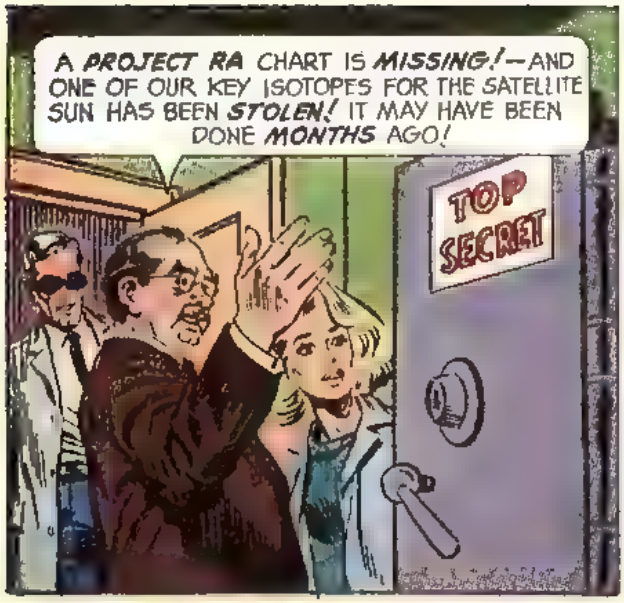

SHORTLY, THE WORLD'S HIGH LORD OF EVIL GIVES COMMANDS TO HIS KEY HENCHMAN ARAL UZBEK..
RUSH THROUGH THE LAST TWO SATELLITE SUN TEST OPERATIONS ON OUR STOLEN ATOM VALLEY CHART, UZBEK! I WANT IT LAUNCHED WITHIN 48 HOURS..
B-BUT, NURO...


EACH OPERATION REQUIRES DAYS OF TESTS! WE'RE STILL AT LEAST TWO WEEKS FROM BLAST OFF!
WE MUST TAKE SOME CALCULATED RISKS! IF THE ATOM VALLEY EGG HEADS BEAT US INTO ORBIT WE'VE LOST! GET THAT ATOMIC FURNACE HUMMING!

FAR INTO THE NIGHT, NURO'S SUN FURNACE GLOWS WITH FINAL DESPERATE TESTS.
I DON'T LIKE IT, NURO! — WE'RE GOING TOO FAST ...THERE'S NO TIME TO DOUBLE-CHECK OUR FINDINGS!
BE STILL! THIS CAN MEAN CONTROL OF ALL EARTH TO US!

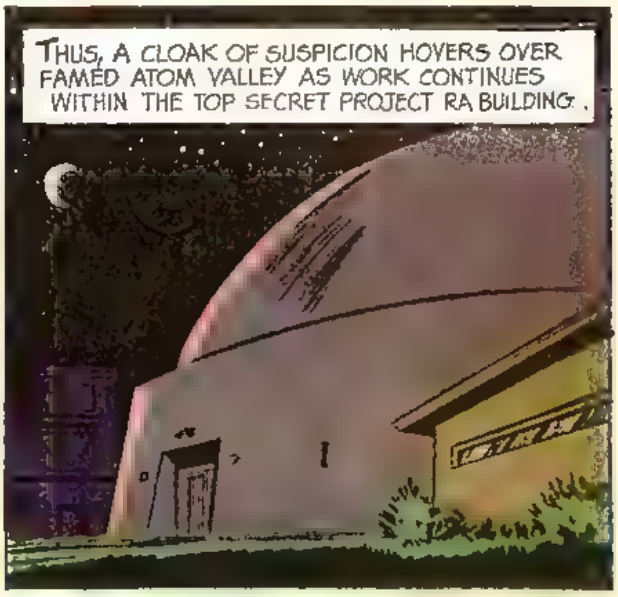

WHILE AT ATOM VALLEY,
I CAN USE MY OWN NUCLEAR POWER TO TRIGGER THE INFERNO IN SPACE, GAIL—THAT WILL SAVE US TIME!


SUDDENLY,
SOLAR—GAIL! COME HERE AT ONCE! WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE!

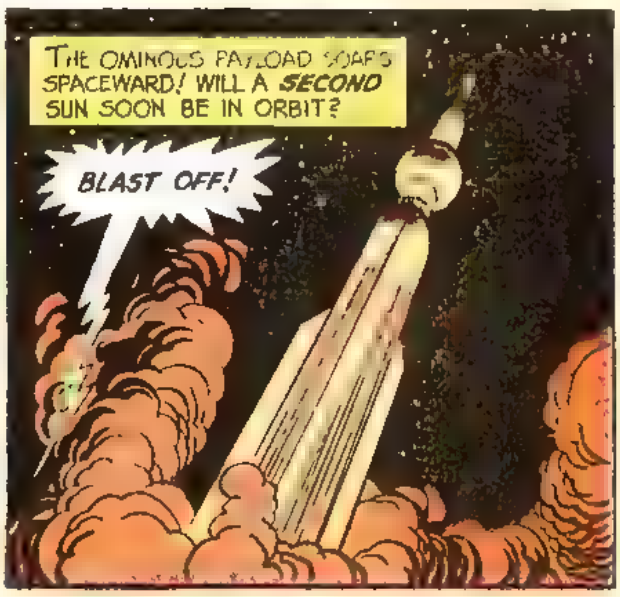

A PROJECT RA CHART IS MISSING!—AND ONE OF OUR KEY ISOTOPES FOR THE SATELLITE SUN HAS BEEN STOLEN! IT MAY HAVE BEEN DONE MONTHS AGO!
TOP SECRET

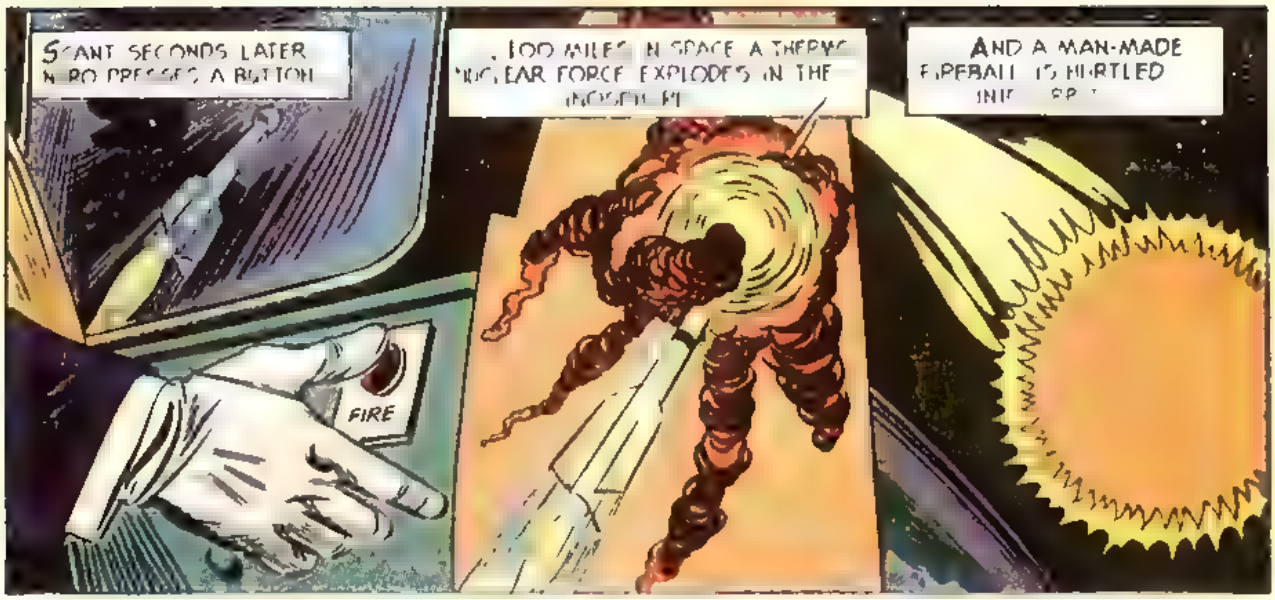
ONLY SOMEONE IN A POSITION OF TRUST COULD HAVE BREACHED OUR TIGHT SECURITY! BUT WE MUST CONTINUE WORK, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S AN ENEMY SPY AMONG US - AND WE DON'T KNOW WHO!

HERE COMES MAJOR TRAVERS OF SECURITY NOW! HE'LL BE IN CHARGE OF FLUSHING OUT THE TRAITOR! WE'LL ALL BE SUSPECT!

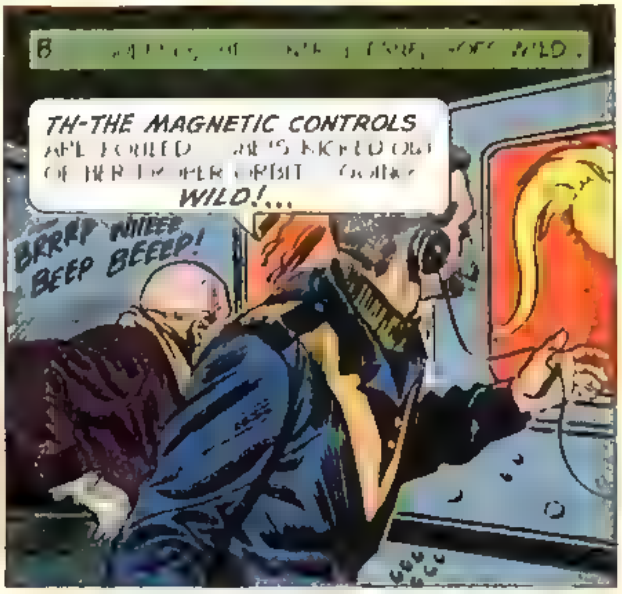

THUS, A CLOAK OF SUSPICION HOVERS OVER FAMED ATOM VALLEY AS WORK CONTINUES WITHIN THE TOP SECRET PROJECT RA BUILDING.

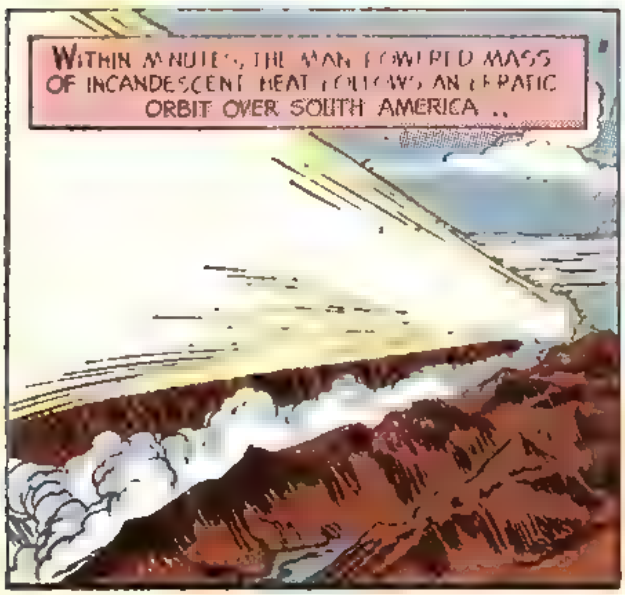
WHILE AT NURO'S HEADQUARTERS, OPERATION SUNBURST IS IN ITS FINAL COUNTDOWN...
...FOUR... THREE...TWO...

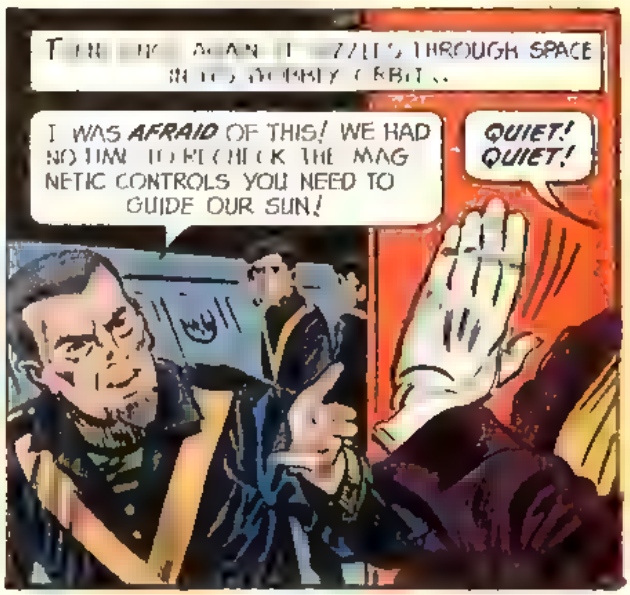

THE OMINOUS PAYLOAD SOARS SPACEWARD! WILL A SECOND SUN SOON BE IN ORBIT?
BLAST OFF!


SCANT SECONDS LATER NURO PRESSES A BUTTON
FIRE
AND A MAN-MADE FIREBALL IS HURTLED

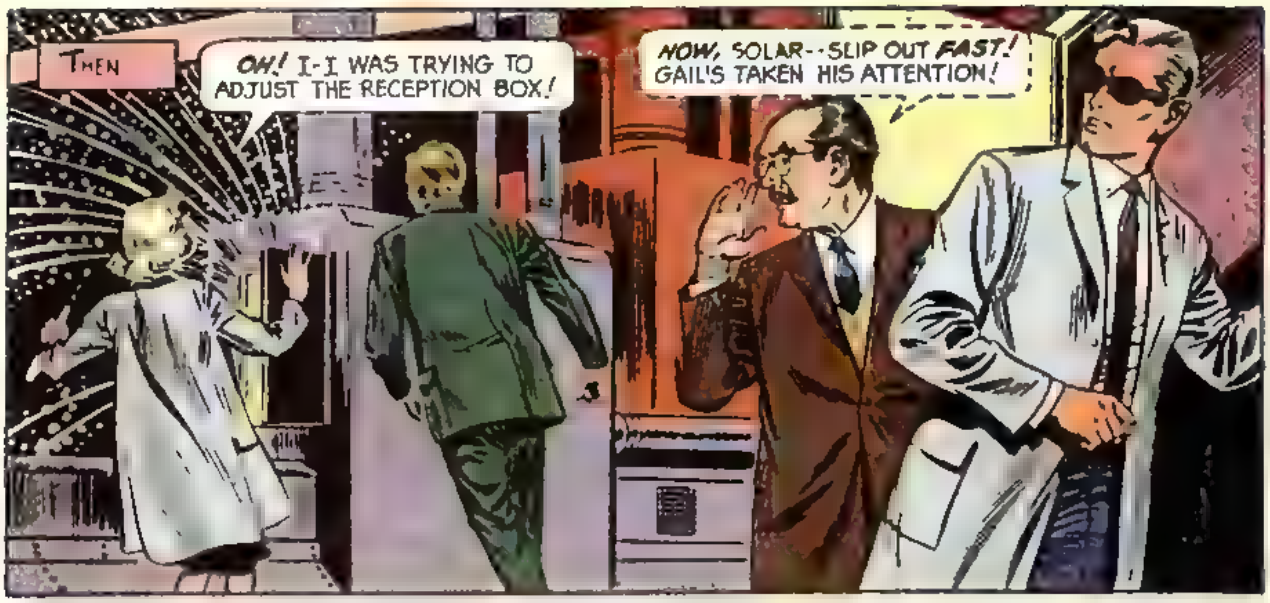
AT FIRST NURO'S DEMONIC SHOT LOOKS LIKE A GREEN BIRD...
EXCELLENT! EXCELLENT, NURO!

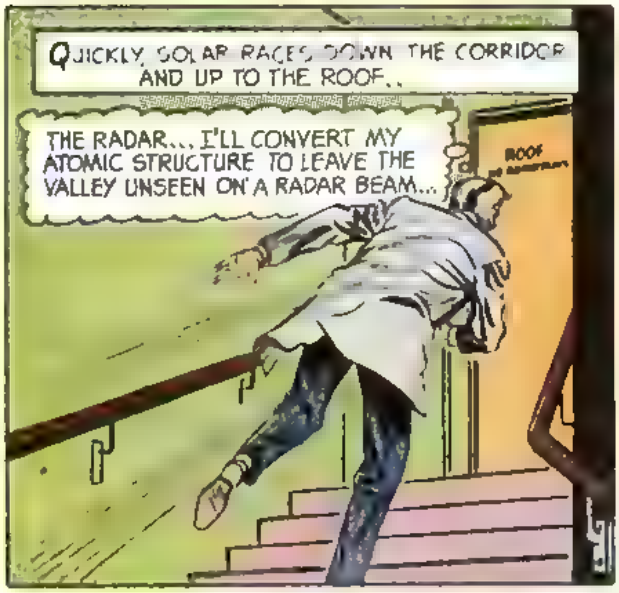

TH-THE MAGNETIC CONTROLS
WILD!...
BEEP BEEP!


WITHIN MINUTES, THE MAN POWERED MASS OF INCANDESCENT HEAT FOLLOWS AN ERRATIC ORBIT OVER SOUTH AMERICA ..

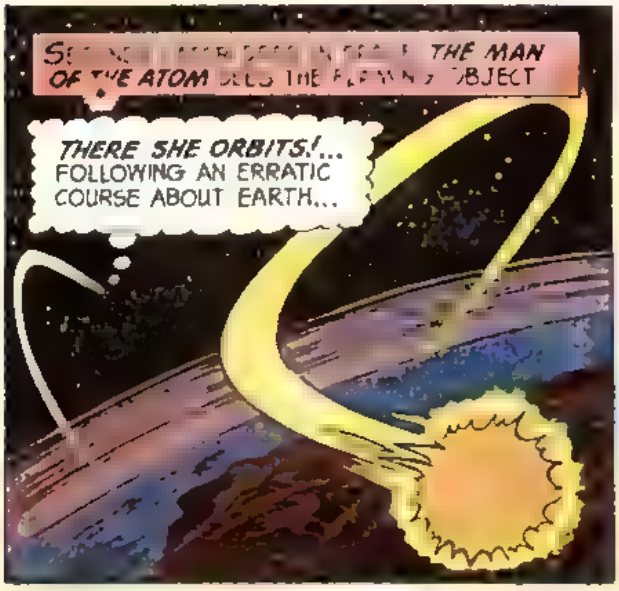

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! WE HAD NO TIME TO RECHECK THE MAGNETIC CONTROLS YOU NEED TO GUIDE OUR SUN!
QUIET! QUIET!

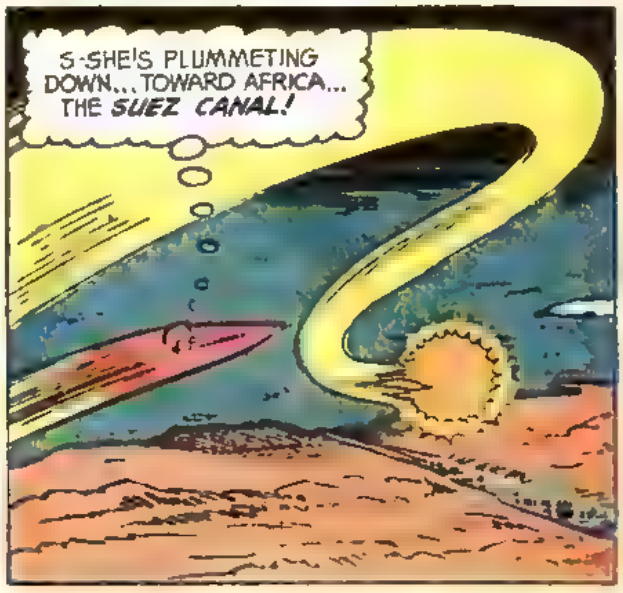
YOU RUSHED US! ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN NOW. SHE'LL KEEP ORBITING AROUND EARTH IN A CRAZY QUILT ORBIT...WE CAN'T GUIDE HER!
YOU'RE TRYING MY PATIENCE UZBEK!
TAKE THIS FOOL AWAY! THAT'S ENOUGH!
YOU TWO--BRING IN THE ORBITAL GRAPH! HELP ME CHART THIS ACCURSED UNCONTROLLED ORBIT OF OUR SUN! HURRY!
MEANWHILE, ALL WORK IS HALTED AT ATOM VALLEY AS THE SHOCKING NEWS REPORTS FLOW IN FROM SATELLITE CAMERAS..
IT'S IN AN UNSTABLE POLAR ORBIT! GREAT HANNAH! COULD THE THING BE A VEHICLE FROM ANOTHER PLANET, DR. CLARKSON?
IMPOSSIBLE, SOLAR - HOW COULD IT HAVE SLIPPED THROUGH OUR SPACE RADAR? NO! THAT'S THE RESULT OF OUR STOLEN PLANS!
I'D BEST ER, GET OVER TO COMMUNICATIONS AND CHECK ALL REPORTS, DOCTOR!
NOT A CHANCE OF THAT, DR. SOLAR! EVERY PERSON ON PROJECT RA IS TO BE KEPT UNDER MY DIRECT SURVEILLANCE!
UNLESS I TAKE AFTER THAT SUN AS THE MAN OF THE ATOM FAST IT MAY BE TOO LATE! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SLIP OFF, DOCTOR CLARKSON!
HMM, I THINK GAIL'S WORKING WITH US, SOLAR

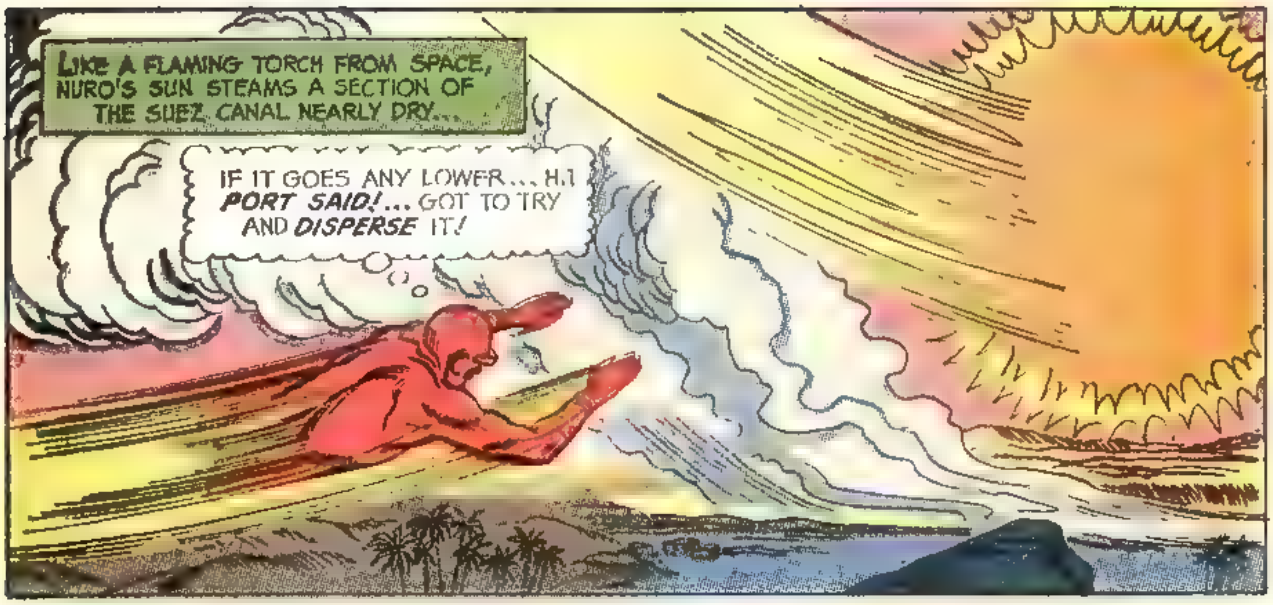

THEN
OH! I-I WAS TRYING TO ADJUST THE RECEPTION BOX!
NOW, SOLAR--SLIP OUT FAST! GAIL'S TAKEN HIS ATTENTION!

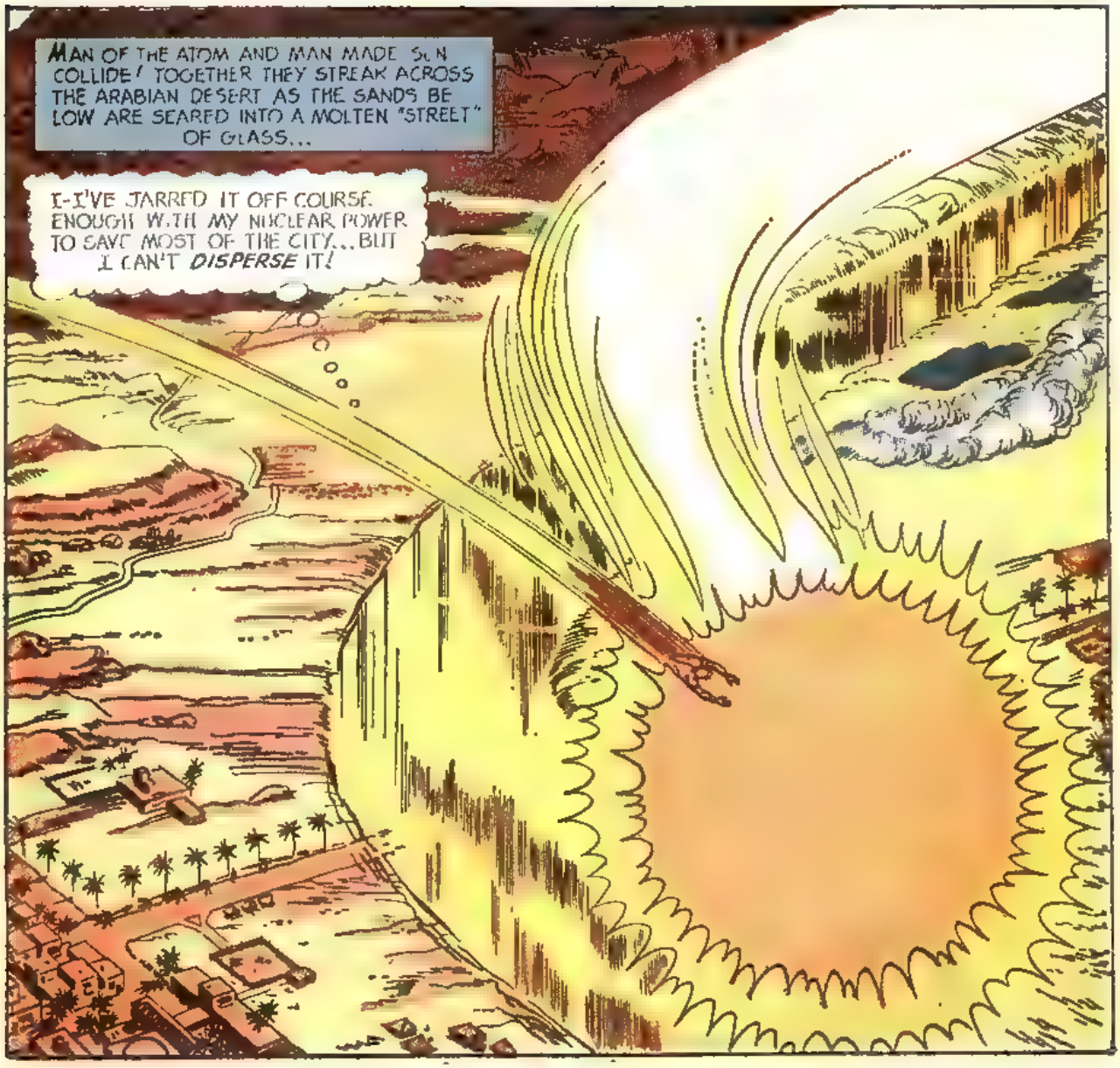

QUICKLY, SOLAR RACES DOWN THE CORRIDOR AND UP TO THE ROOF...
THE RADAR... I'LL CONVERT MY ATOMIC STRUCTURE TO LEAVE THE VALLEY UNSEEN ON A RADAR BEAM...
ROOF

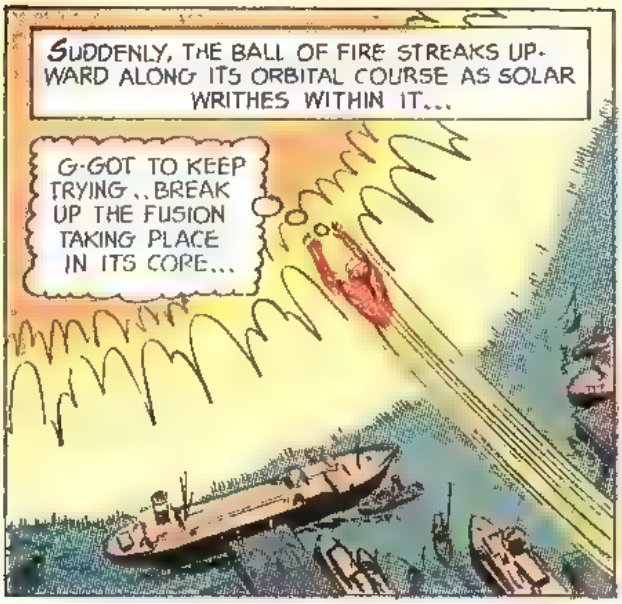
THEN
THE RENEGADE SUN WAS ORBITING TOWARD AFRICA ON ITS LAST TRAJECTORY . WHO COULD HAVE MADE IT?... AND HOW COULD A SPY BREAK OUR VALLEY SECURITY?

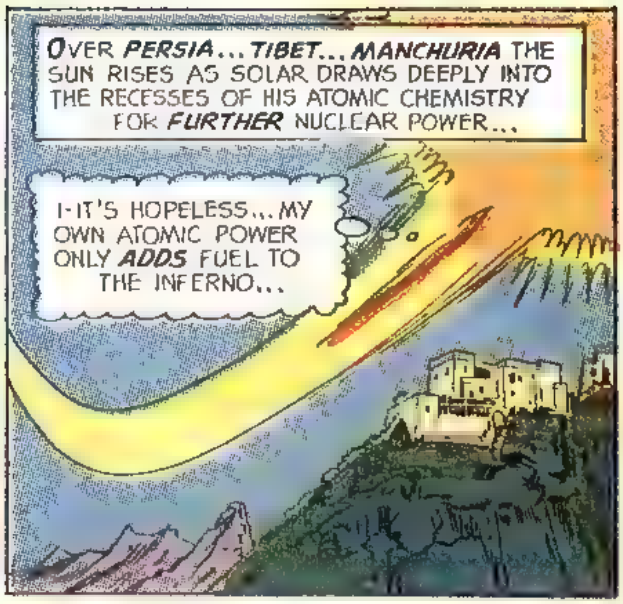

THE MAN OF THE ATOM
THERE SHE ORBITS!... FOLLOWING AN ERRATIC COURSE ABOUT EARTH...

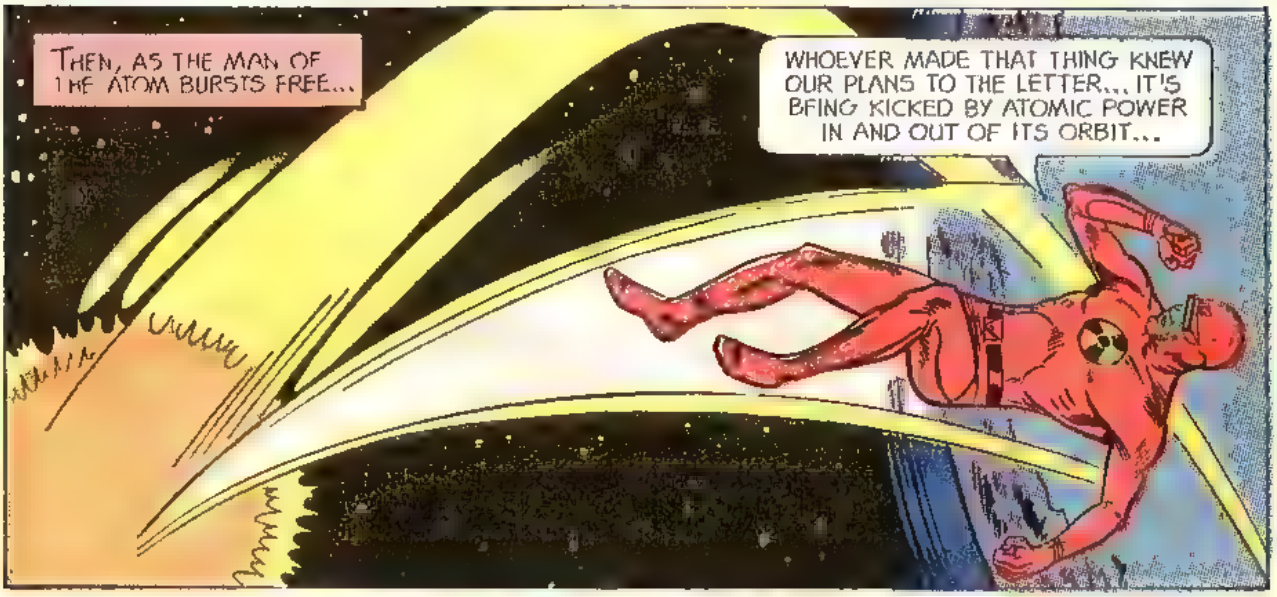

S-SHE'S PLUMMETING DOWN... TOWARD AFRICA... THE SUEZ CANAL!

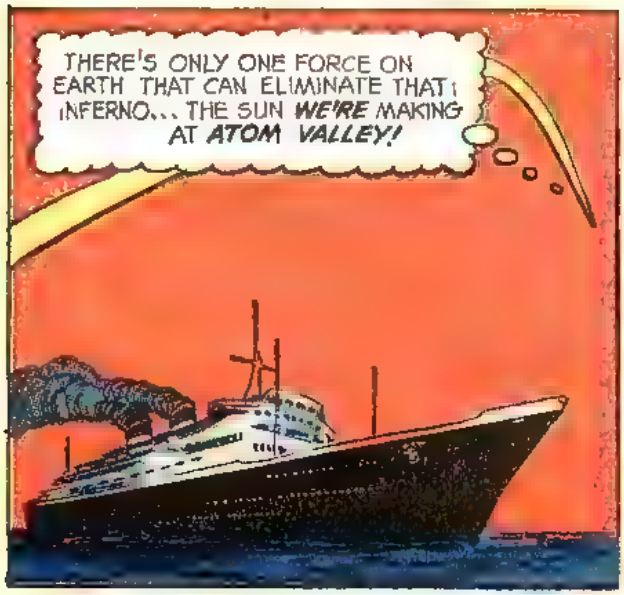

LIKE A FLAMING TORCH FROM SPACE, NURO'S SUN STEAMS A SECTION OF THE SUEZ CANAL NEARLY DRY...
IF IT GOES ANY LOWER... H.I PORT SAID!... GOT TO TRY AND DISPERSE IT!

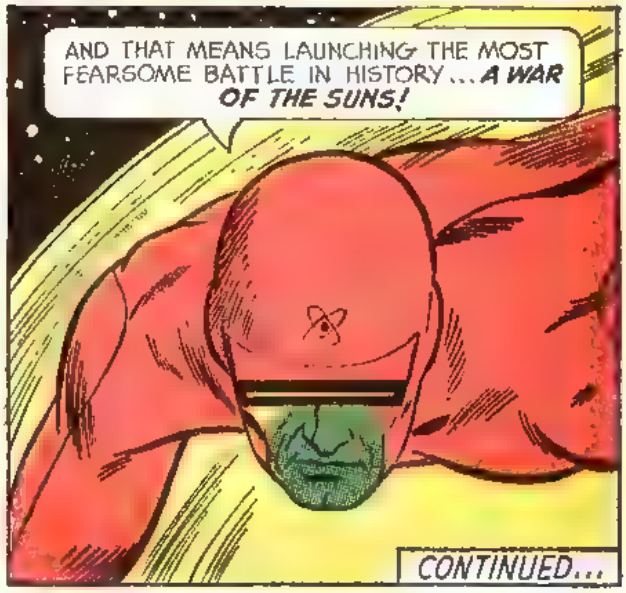

MAN OF THE ATOM AND MAN MADE SUN COLLIDE! TOGETHER THEY STREAK ACROSS THE ARABIAN DESERT AS THE SANDS BE LOW ARE SEARED INTO A MOLTEN "STREET" OF GLASS...
I-I'VE JARRED IT OFF COURSE. ENOUGH WITH MY NUCLEAR POWER TO SAVE MOST OF THE CITY... BUT I CAN'T DISPERSE IT!


SUDDENLY, THE BALL OF FIRE STREAKS UPWARD ALONG ITS ORBITAL COURSE AS SOLAR WRITHES WITHIN IT...
G-GOT TO KEEP TRYING.. BREAK UP THE FUSION TAKING PLACE IN ITS CORE...


OVER PERSIA... TIBET... MANCHURIA THE SUN RISES AS SOLAR DRAWS DEEPLY INTO THE RECESSES OF HIS ATOMIC CHEMISTRY FOR FURTHER NUCLEAR POWER...
I-IT'S HOPELESS... MY OWN ATOMIC POWER ONLY ADDS FUEL TO THE INFERNO...


THEN, AS THE MAN OF THE ATOM BURSTS FREE...
WHOEVER MADE THAT THING KNEW OUR PLANS TO THE LETTER... IT'S BEING KICKED BY ATOMIC POWER IN AND OUT OF ITS ORBIT...


THERE'S ONLY ONE FORCE ON EARTH THAT CAN ELIMINATE THAT INFERNO... THE SUN WE'RE MAKING AT ATOM VALLEY!


AND THAT MEANS LAUNCHING THE MOST FEARSOME BATTLE IN HISTORY... A WAR OF THE SUNS!
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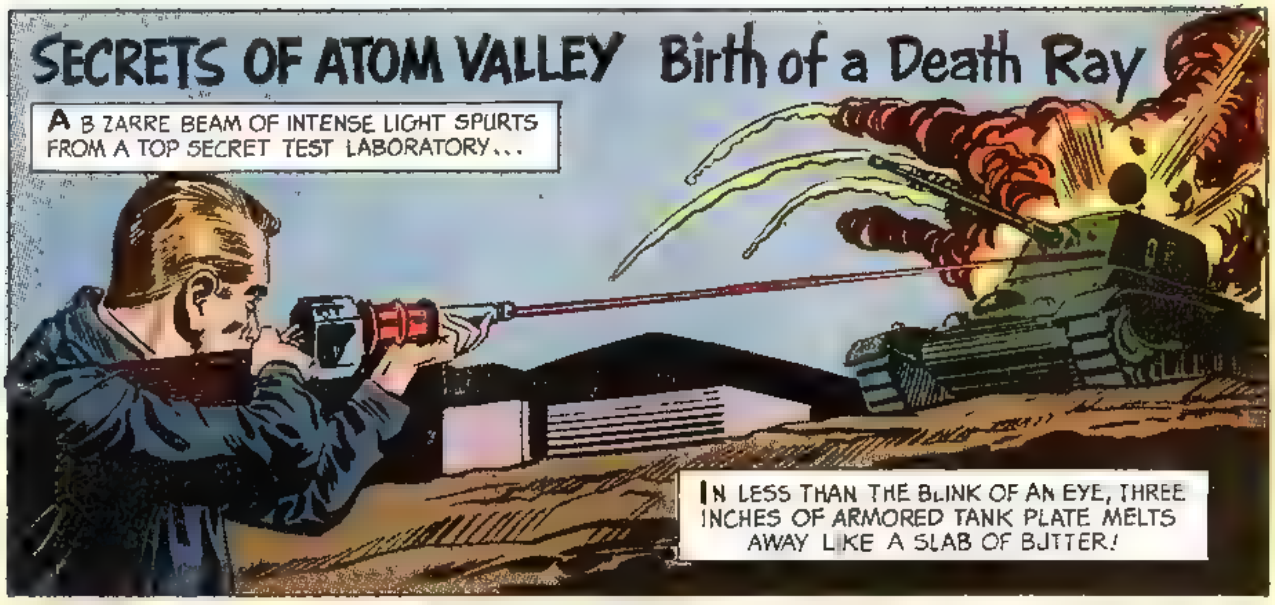
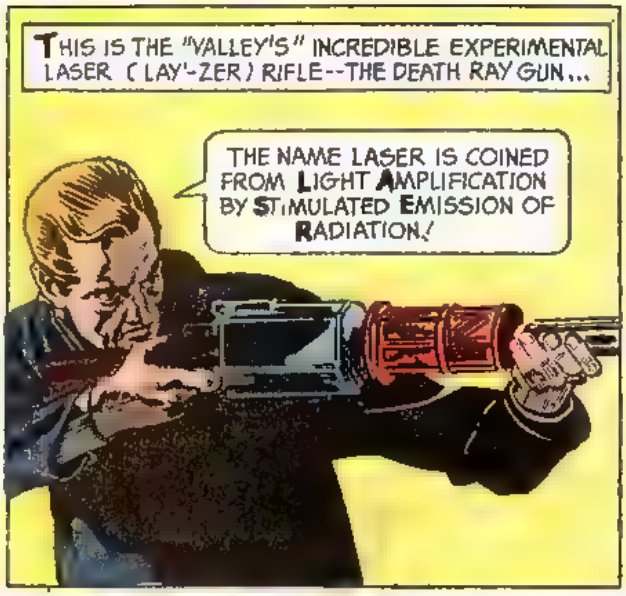
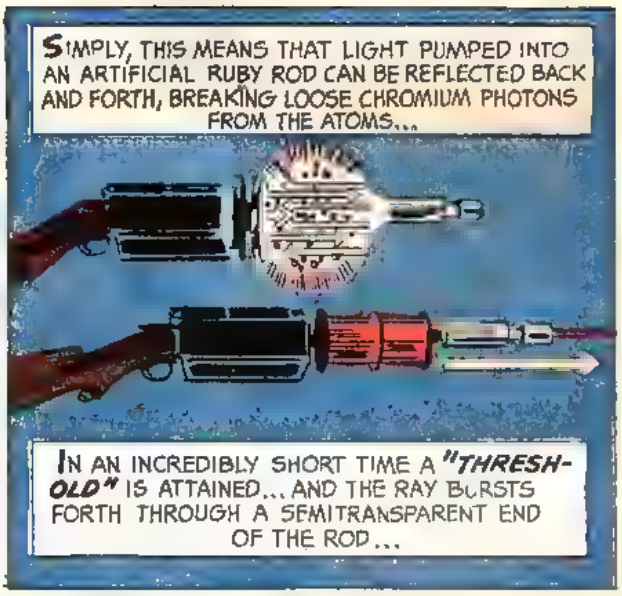
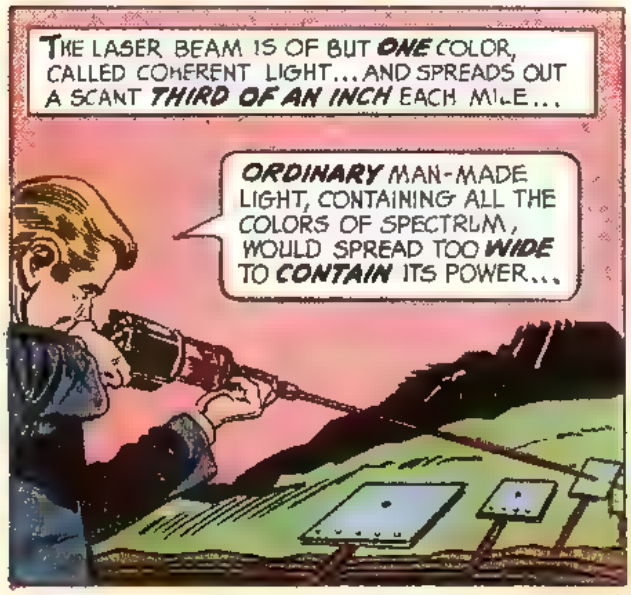
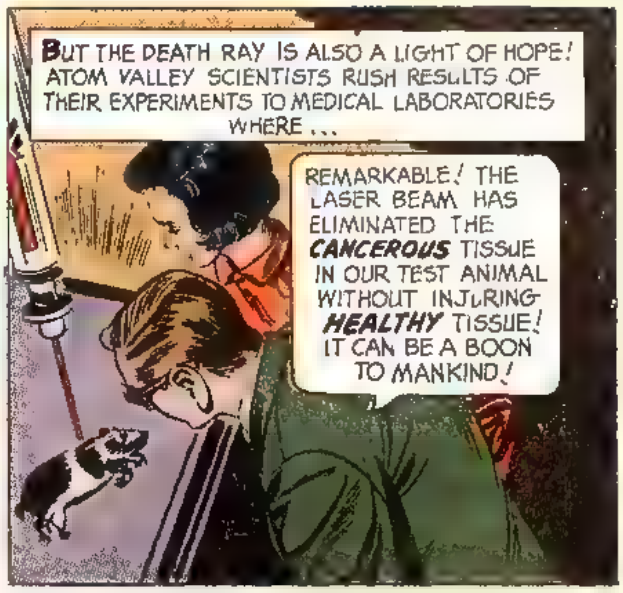
SECRETS OF ATOM VALLEY Birth of a Death Ray


A BIZARRE BEAM OF INTENSE LIGHT SPURTS FROM A TOP SECRET TEST LABORATORY...
IN LESS THAN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, THREE INCHES OF ARMORED TANK PLATE MELTS AWAY LIKE A SLAB OF BUTTER!


THIS IS THE "VALLEY'S" INCREDIBLE EXPERIMENTAL LASER (LAY'-ZER) RIFLE--THE DEATH RAY GUN...
THE NAME LASER IS COINED FROM LIGHT AMPLIFICATION BY STIMULATED EMISSION OF RADIATION!


SIMPLY, THIS MEANS THAT LIGHT PUMPED INTO AN ARTIFICIAL RUBY ROD CAN BE REFLECTED BACK AND FORTH, BREAKING LOOSE CHROMIUM PHOTONS FROM THE ATOMS...
IN AN INCREDIBLY SHORT TIME A "THRESHOLD" IS ATTAINED... AND THE RAY BURSTS FORTH THROUGH A SEMITRANSPARENT END OF THE ROD...


THE LASER BEAM IS OF BUT ONE COLOR, CALLED COHERENT LIGHT... AND SPREADS OUT A SCANT THIRD OF AN INCH EACH MILE...
ORDINARY MAN-MADE LIGHT, CONTAINING ALL THE COLORS OF SPECTRUM, WOULD SPREAD TOO WIDE TO CONTAIN ITS POWER...


BUT THE DEATH RAY IS ALSO A LIGHT OF HOPE! ATOM VALLEY SCIENTISTS RUSH RESULTS OF THEIR EXPERIMENTS TO MEDICAL LABORATORIES WHERE...
REMARKABLE! THE LASER BEAM HAS ELIMINATED THE CANCEROUS TISSUE IN OUR TEST ANIMAL WITHOUT INJURING HEALTHY TISSUE! IT CAN BE A BOON TO MANKIND!

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ROCKY and BULLWINKLE
ARE CHEERIOS YOUR FAVORITE CEREAL, BULLWINKLE?
SURE THING, OLD SKATE!
Cheerios
CHEERIOS 'N' MILK GIVE US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN' PROTEIN...
...AND LOTS OF GO...GO... GO!
DO YOU MEAN THAT EVERYONE SHOULD GO WITH THE GOODNESS OF CHEERIOS?
RIGHTO, ROCK!
ZOOM!
POW!
BUT THEY SHOULD WATCH WHERE THEY'RE GOING!

SOLAR'S SCIENCE FORUM

I hope that your company never reverts to line covers because we see enough of them on the other comics' covers. You might like to know that I like the black or dark blue covers over the light shaded covers. The dark covers seem more mysterious. What happened to the pictures on the back? I really liked them, although I would have preferred that you put a different scene than that which was on the front cover. Instead of telling what the story is about on the bottom of the cover, why don't you do it over the masthead? That way you would have an uninterrupted pic of SOLAR. No other companies do this, so if you did it would probably be a first. Or better yet, why don't you have no printing on the cover except the title logo, 12c and your GOLD KEY emblem and the numbers below it?

MIKE REDMAN, Plainfield, Indiana

Because a number of people spend a lot of time and effort designing and executing our covers, we are always glad to hear words of praise for them. Ads on the back cover bring in money, and money makes it possible for us to keep bringing you the best comics we can. As for your other suggestions, we are always trying to improve and we will certainly consider them.

We do not secure many American comics in Australia but all my mates read DOCTOR SOLAR and many of them have collections of every issue. I have just read #10 and I am curious to know why, on page 8, the earth would be like jungle with prehistoric animals. I would also like to know how SOLAR can withstand the terrific heat of the sun.

GREG HEDLEFS/West Bundaleera, Queensland

You're putting words in SOLAR'S mouth, Greg. He never said the entire earth would become a jungle, only that with the tremendous amount of moisture in the air, the heavier rainfall would turn vast areas of our civilized world into jungle similar to the Amazon River Basin. He never mentioned prehistoric animals. He went to the sun as energy to absorb energy from the sun and thus increase his powers. Still it was touch and go whether he would ever make it back to earth.

The covers of DOCTOR SOLAR are perfect in color, art and lettering. Now we get to the stories. Boy do they stink!! The plots are poor, villains weak, hero usage dumb, to name a few of your shortcomings. Cut down on Nuro, he ruins the plots. You need more "good" villains. I think the poor stories have pulled SOLAR down from his potential position of greatness.

LEE CHILDS, Sherman Oaks, California

Well, now that I'm buying less Superman and more GOLD KEY and Marvel I get better comics and (get this) for the first time that I have known, my Dad has sat down and read yours and Marvel comics. Keep up the good comics and I'll keep buying them.

JERRY WHALER, Flint, Michigan

The art and stories are superb. Thank you for publishing it bi monthly! Now how about daily?? I would buy it still. I also have every MAGNUS, SPACE FAMILY ROBINSON and TUROK, plus about 200 other GOLD KEY comics.

DALE HARRELL, Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Not only is DOCTOR SOLAR full of adventure, but educational at the same time. One thing — if it can possibly be arranged, why not publish more often than quarterly? I end up reading the same issue half a million times (which isn't so bad) waiting for the next one.

JEAN WOODRING, Anchorage, Alaska

I think SOLAR is great, wonderful, marvelous. But I wish you guys would publish him more than quarterly because it seems like I wait centuries. Keep publishing the comic or I'll have heart failure if you quit.

BILL SULLIVAN, Brussels, Ontario

Well, at least the covers are universally admired even if the stories aren't. And readers generally seem to want more frequent publication. But DAILY?? Wait till we tell the writer and the artist. They'll be the ones to have heart failure.

Although it isn't possible to answer each and every letter, your ideas and suggestions are helpful! Send them to:

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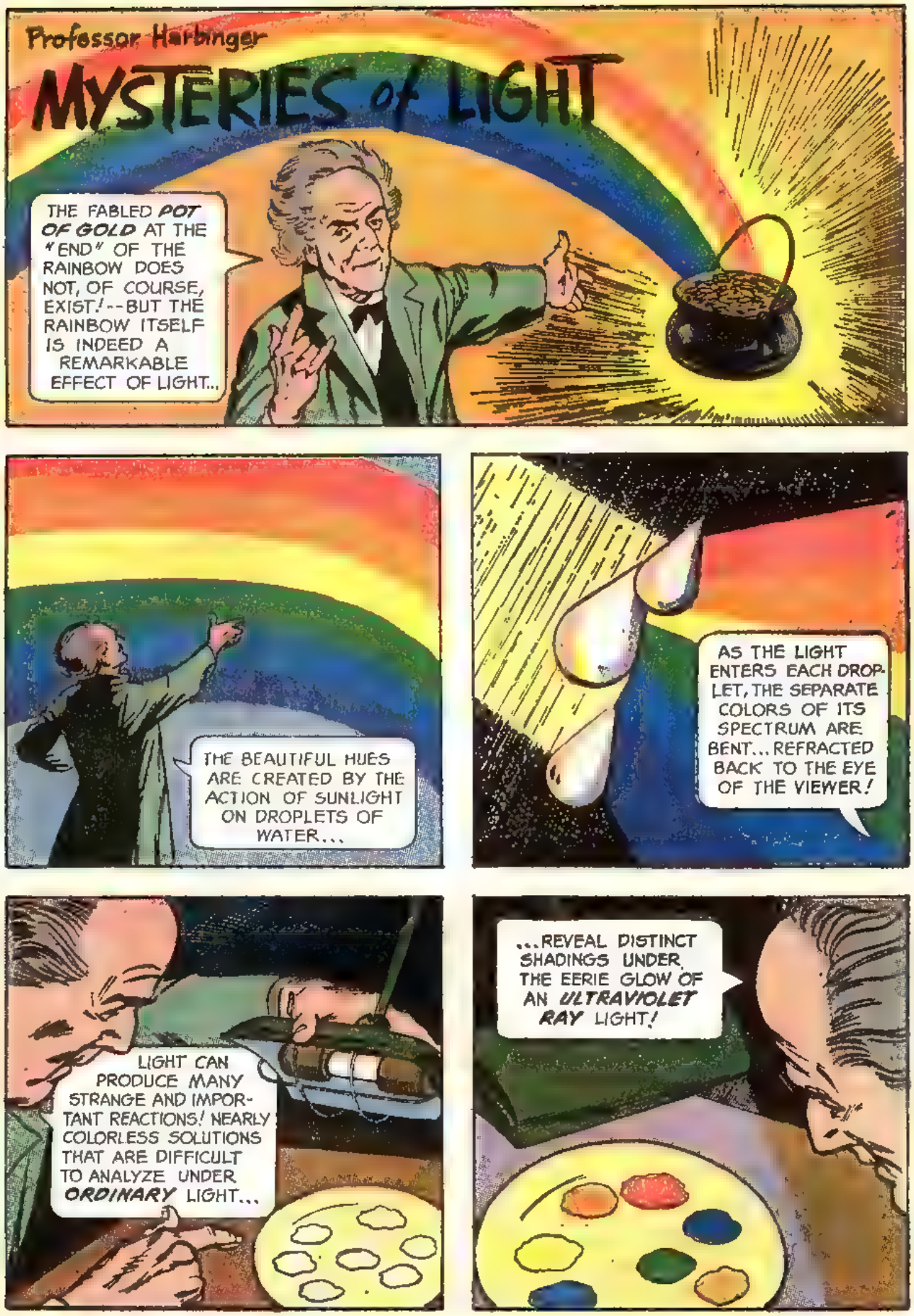
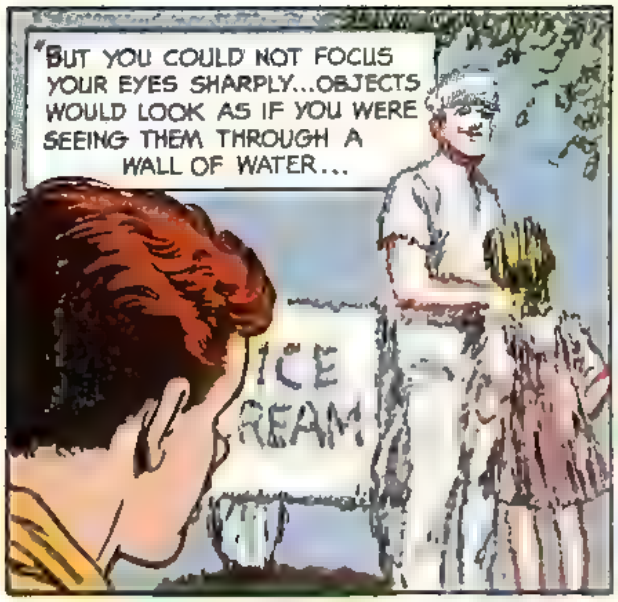

Professor Harbinger
MYSTERIES of LIGHT
THE FABLED POT OF GOLD AT THE "END" OF THE RAINBOW DOES NOT, OF COURSE, EXIST!--BUT THE RAINBOW ITSELF IS INDEED A REMARKABLE EFFECT OF LIGHT...
THE BEAUTIFUL HUES ARE CREATED BY THE ACTION OF SUNLIGHT ON DROPLETS OF WATER...
AS THE LIGHT ENTERS EACH DROPLET, THE SEPARATE COLORS OF ITS SPECTRUM ARE BENT... REFRACTED BACK TO THE EYE OF THE VIEWER!
LIGHT CAN PRODUCE MANY STRANGE AND IMPORTANT REACTIONS! NEARLY COLORLESS SOLUTIONS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO ANALYZE UNDER ORDINARY LIGHT...
...REVEAL DISTINCT SHADINGS UNDER THE EERIE GLOW OF AN ULTRAVIOLET RAY LIGHT!

MAN CAN SEE THROUGH THE DARKNESS WITH AN INFRARED TELESCOPIC SIGHT!...
AND, OF COURSE, WE ALL KNOW HOW X-RAYS ALLOW US TO SEE INSIDE NEARLY ANY OBJECT!
RADIO WAVE
INFRARED WAVES
VIOLET
X RAYS
HEAT
FLUORESCENT LIGHTING
WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING ABOUT LIGHT YET, BUT WE DO KNOW IT IS A FORM OF ENERGY.. JUST AS RADIO WAVES ARE! THEY ARE ALL PART OF A FAMILY OF WAVES!
CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE IF OUR EYES WERE ADJUSTED TO THE FULLER RANGE OF RADIO WAVES?
"JUST AS RADIO WAVES PIERCE THE WALLS OF HOMES TO GIVE US RECEPTION, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE INSIDE ALSO...


"BUT YOU COULD NOT FOCUS YOUR EYES SHARPLY...OBJECTS WOULD LOOK AS IF YOU WERE SEEING THEM THROUGH A WALL OF WATER...
ICE
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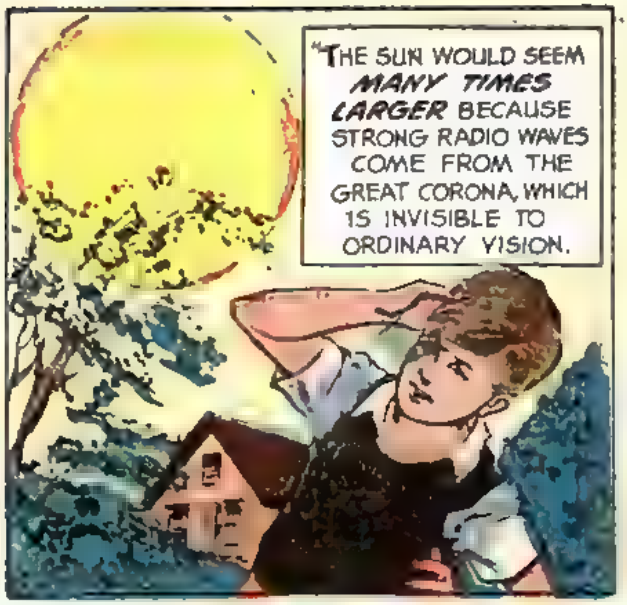
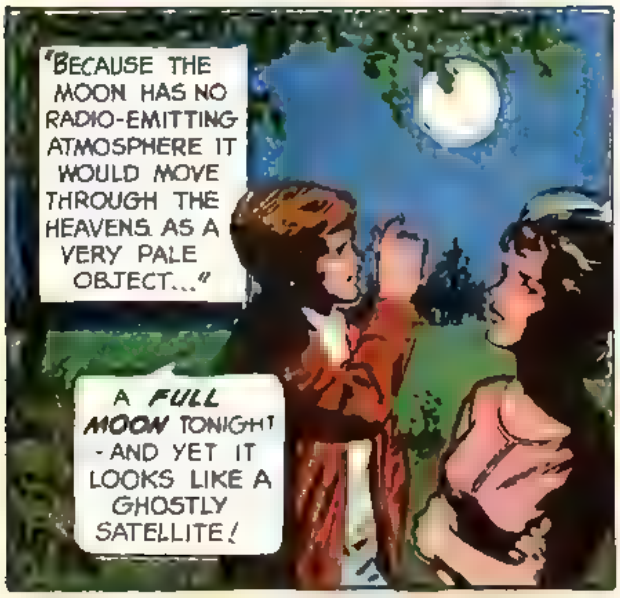
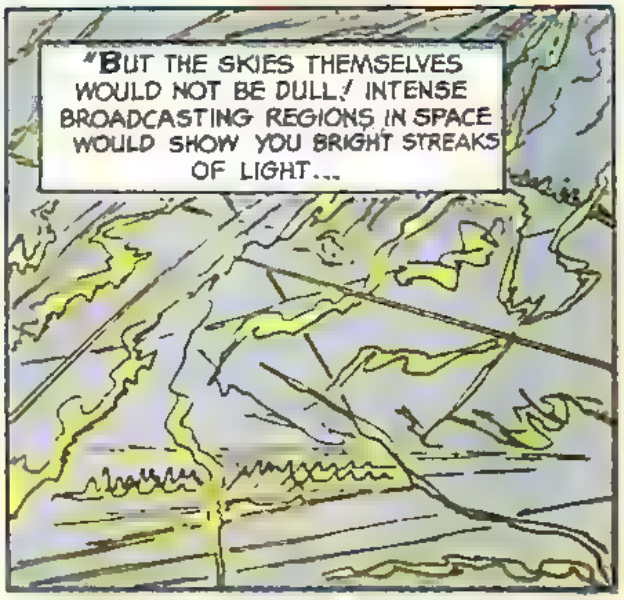
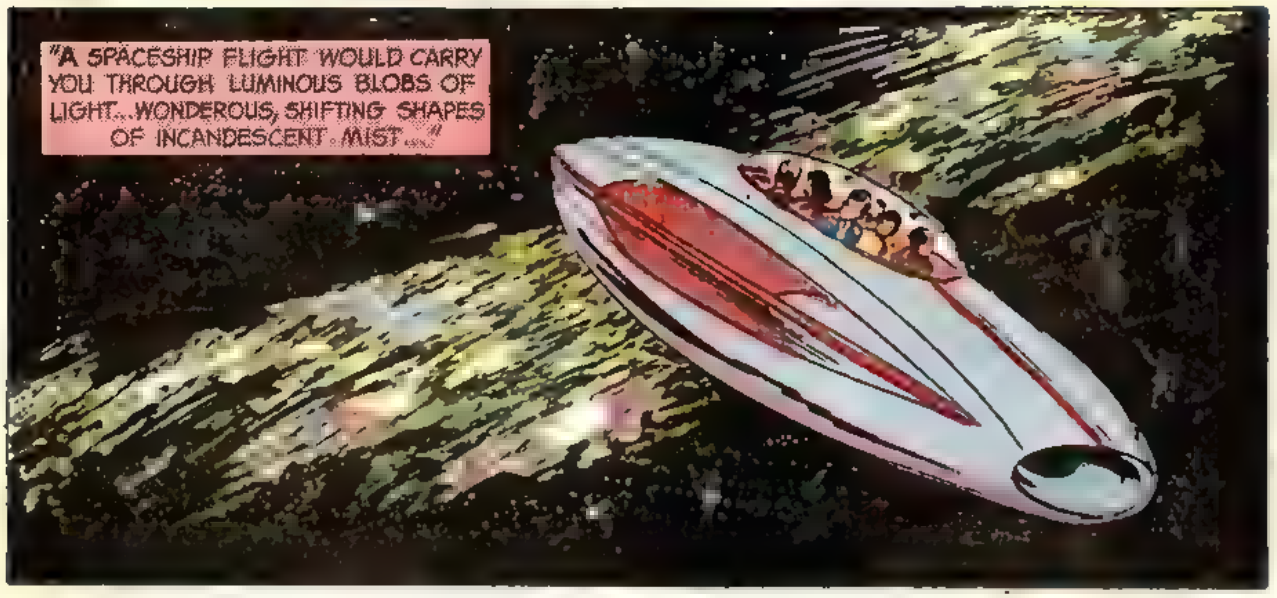

"THE SUN WOULD SEEM MANY TIMES LARGER BECAUSE STRONG RADIO WAVES COME FROM THE GREAT CORONA, WHICH IS INVISIBLE TO ORDINARY VISION.


"BECAUSE THE MOON HAS NO RADIO-EMITTING ATMOSPHERE IT WOULD MOVE THROUGH THE HEAVENS AS A VERY PALE OBJECT..."
A FULL MOON TONIGHT - AND YET IT LOOKS LIKE A GHOSTLY SATELLITE!


"BUT THE SKIES THEMSELVES WOULD NOT BE DULL! INTENSE BROADCASTING REGIONS IN SPACE WOULD SHOW YOU BRIGHT STREAKS OF LIGHT...


"A SPACESHIP FLIGHT WOULD CARRY YOU THROUGH LUMINOUS BLOBS OF LIGHT...WONDEROUS, SHIFTING SHAPES OF INCANDESCENT MIST..."

BUT WE STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND ALL THE *MYSTERIES* OF LIGHT! THINK WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THE ENERGY IN LIGHT WAVES BECAME *"SHORT-CIRCUITED"* IN SOME FASHION!

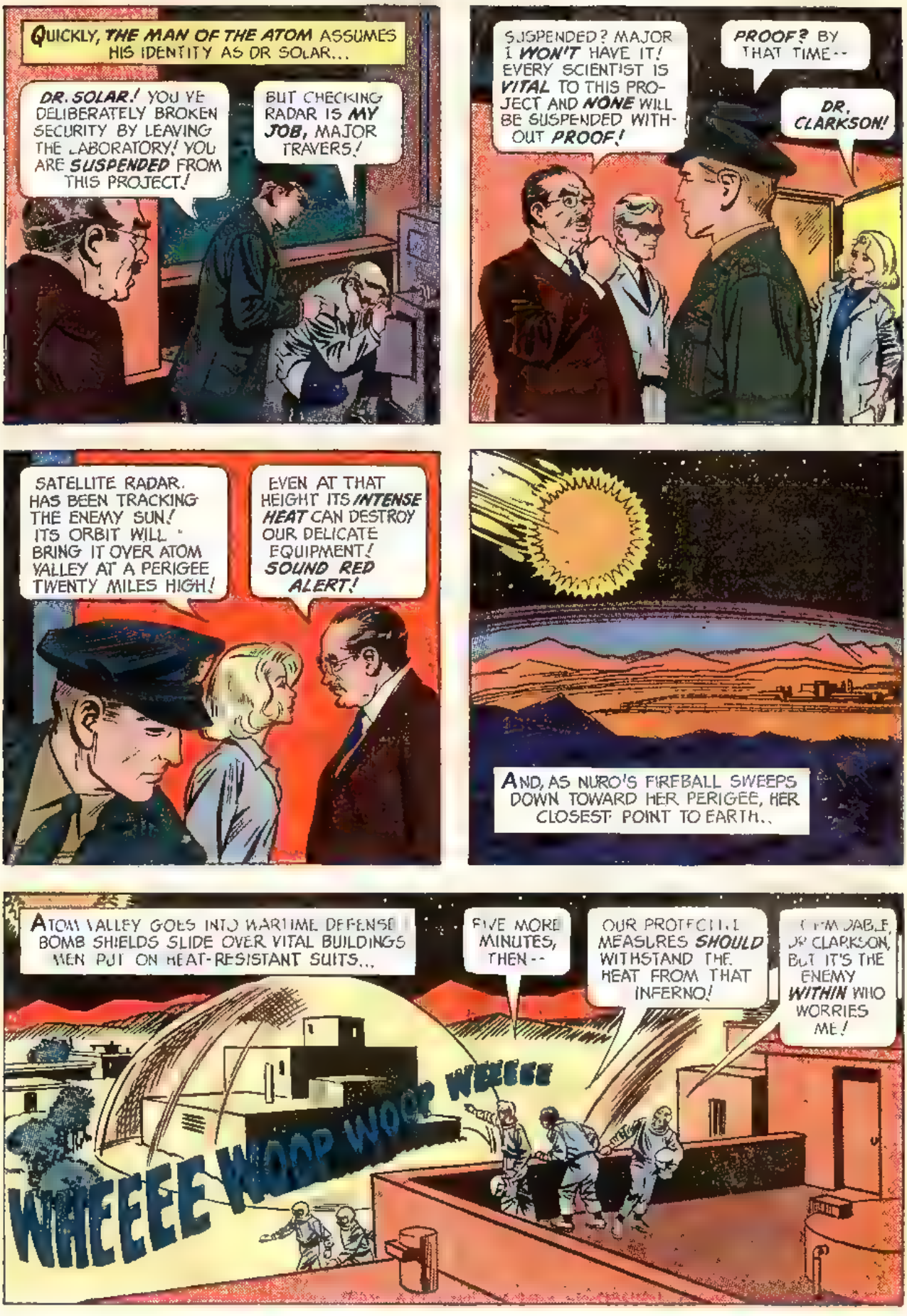
"A FLASHLIGHT RELEASES THE POWER OF A *SEARCHLIGHT!*

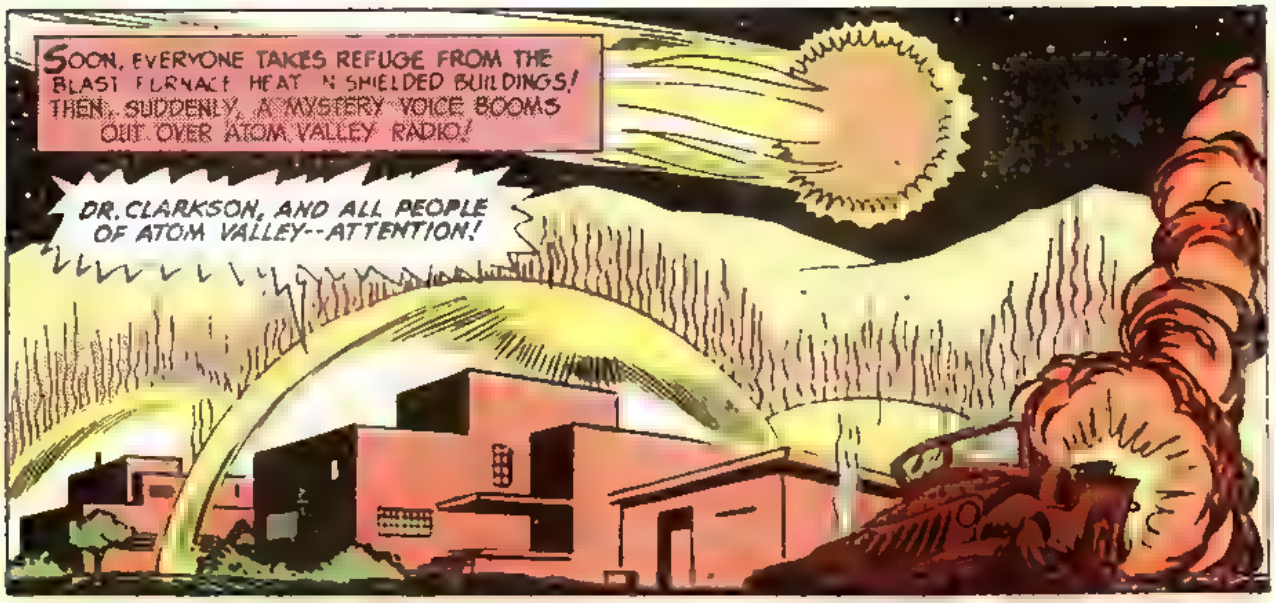
"FIREFLIES EMIT BLINDING BEAMS OF LIGHT..."

SUDDENLY...
EH! W-WHAT'S THAT?

HARBINGER I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU WITH MY FLASHLIGHT. I WAS JUST WATERING THE FLOWERS YOU ASKED ME TO PLANT YESTERDAY!
HEH, HEH! YES, OF COURSE, MY DEAR! YOU'RE, ER. NOT DISTURBING ME ONE BIT!

DR SOLAR PART II
THE WAR of the SUNS
OUR CRASH PROGRAM ON PROJECT RA WILL HAVE TO BE SPEEDED UP EVEN MORE THAT RENEGADE SUN MUST BE MET IN ORBIT BY OUR SUN IN A MATTER OF HOURS!
.. AND WITH AN ENEMY AGENT WORKING IN OUR MIDST THAT WILL BE TOUGH!...


QUICKLY, THE MAN OF THE ATOM ASSUMES HIS IDENTITY AS DR SOLAR...
DR. SOLAR! YOU VE DELIBERATELY BROKEN SECURITY BY LEAVING THE LABORATORY! YOU ARE SUSPENDED FROM THIS PROJECT!
BUT CHECKING RADAR IS MY JOB, MAJOR TRAVERS!
SUSPENDED? MAJOR I WON'T HAVE IT! EVERY SCIENTIST IS VITAL TO THIS PROJECT AND NONE WILL BE SUSPENDED WITHOUT PROOF!
PROOF? BY THAT TIME--
DR. CLARKSON!
SATELLITE RADAR HAS BEEN TRACKING THE ENEMY SUN! ITS ORBIT WILL BRING IT OVER ATOM VALLEY AT A PERIGEE TWENTY MILES HIGH!
EVEN AT THAT HEIGHT ITS INTENSE HEAT CAN DESTROY OUR DELICATE EQUIPMENT! SOUND RED ALERT!
AND, AS NURO'S FIREBALL SWEEPS DOWN TOWARD HER PERIGEE, HER CLOSEST POINT TO EARTH..
ATOM VALLEY GOES INTO WARTIME DEFENSE! BOMB SHIELDS SLIDE OVER VITAL BUILDINGS MEN PUT ON HEAT-RESISTANT SUITS...
FIVE MORE MINUTES, THEN--
OUR PROTECTIVE MEASURES SHOULD WITHSTAND THE HEAT FROM THAT INFERNO!
FORMIDABLE, DR CLARKSON, BUT IT'S THE ENEMY WITHIN WHO WORRIES ME!
WHEEEE WOOP WOOP WEEEE


SOON, EVERYONE TAKES REFUGE FROM THE BLAST FURNACE HEAT IN SHIELDED BUILDINGS! THEN, SUDDENLY, A MYSTERY VOICE BOOMS OUT OVER ATOM VALLEY RADIO!
DR. CLARKSON, AND ALL PEOPLE OF ATOM VALLEY--ATTENTION!

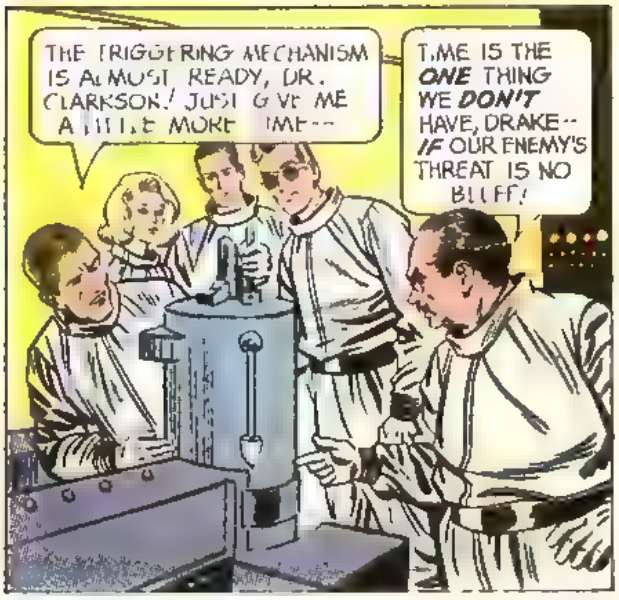
A WARNING!
WORK AT ONCE! RETIRE AND MY SUN WILL INCINERATE ATOM VALLEY!

PROOF OF MY
THE NEXT ORBIT! THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING!
WHAT WILL WE DO?
DR. DRAKE--EVERYBODY--LISTEN TO ME!

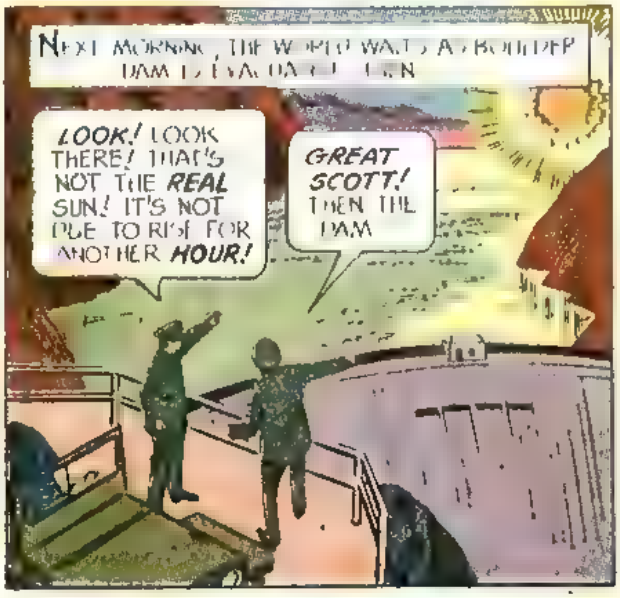
WE DON'T KNOW IF THE MYSTERY VOICE IS BLUFFING OR NOT! WE MUST PLOT HIS SUN'S ORBIT! EVERYONE TO THE CHART ROOM -- AT ONCE!

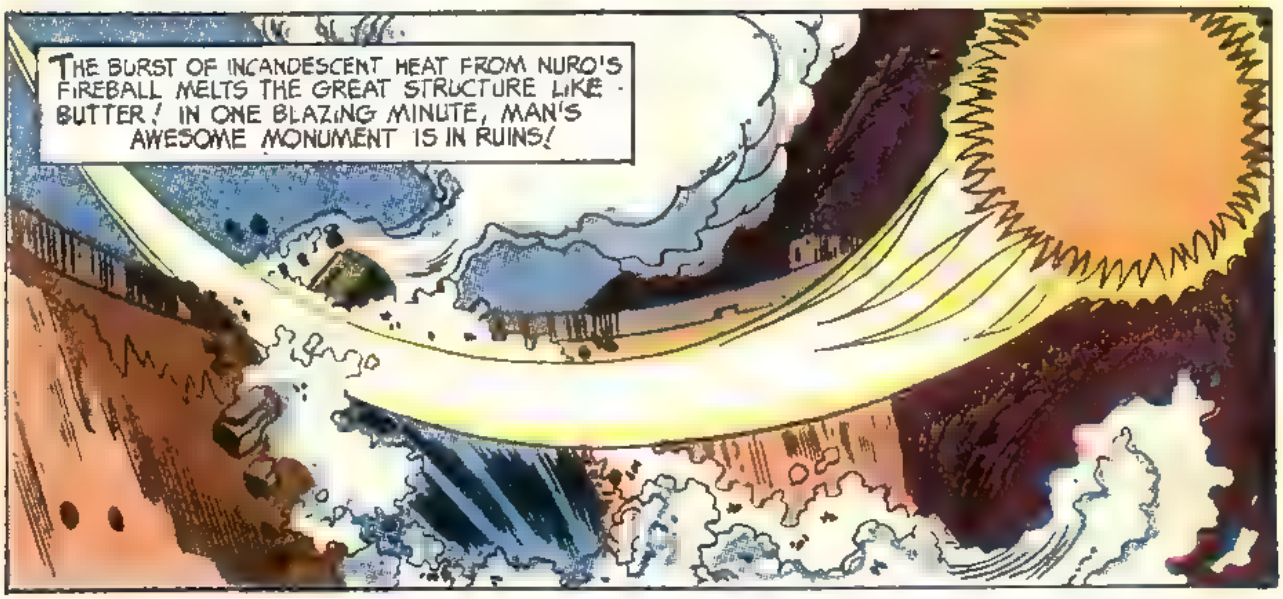
IS
OF ANYONE'S
COULD PASS OVER BOULDER DAM! BUT THEN AGAIN---
WE'VE GOT TO KNOW, SO THAT OUR SUN CAN BE ORBITED TO INTERCEPT IT, AT ITS MAXIMUM ALTITUDE

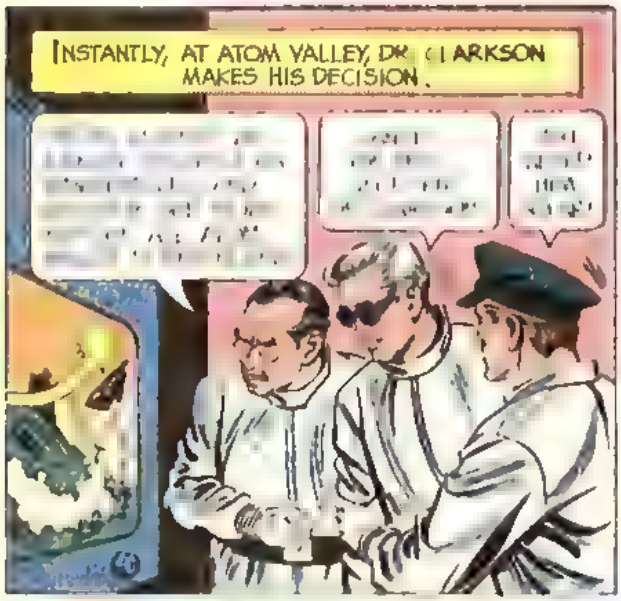
GAIL, YOU AND DR. KINDER KEEP FEEDING RADAR DATA INTO THE COMPUTERS TILL YOU *CAN* PREDICT ITS TRAJECTORY! MEANWHILE, WE GO ON WITH PROJECT RA!

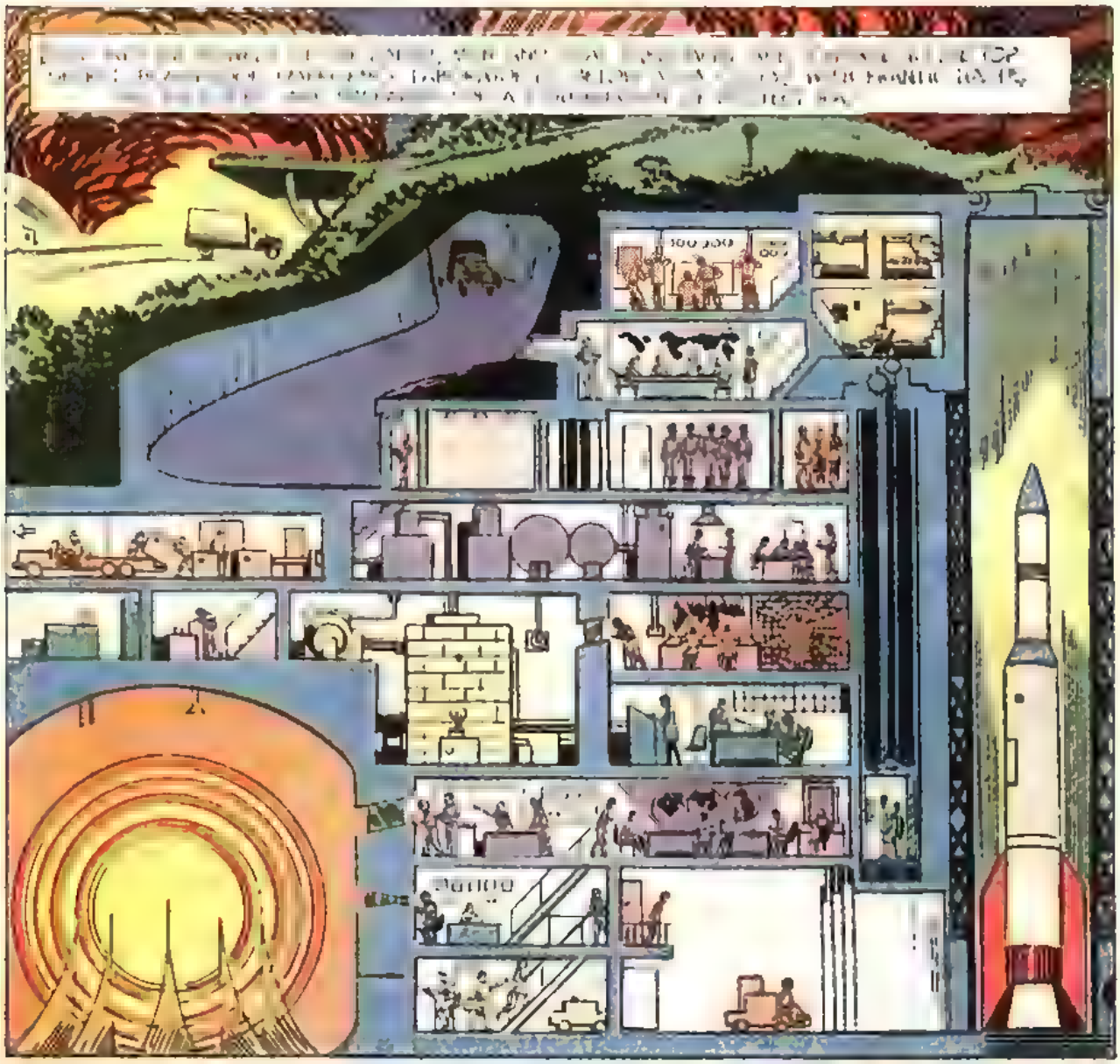

THE TRIGGERING MECHANISM IS ALMOST READY, DR. CLARKSON! JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME--
TIME IS THE *ONE* THING WE *DON'T* HAVE, DRAKE-- *IF* OUR ENEMY'S THREAT IS NO BLUFF!

THERE'S ONE HOPE LEFT, MAJOR TRAVERS! SECRET, SUBTERRANEAN FACILITIES NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT! WE CAN *APPEAR* TO GIVE IN--
YES, AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT UNDERGROUND! BUT WE *MUST* PREVENT OUR SPY FROM GETTING WORD TO HIS MASTER!


NEXT MORNING, THE WORLD WAITS AS BOULDER DAM IS EVACUATED--
LOOK! LOOK THERE! THAT'S NOT THE *REAL* SUN! IT'S NOT DUE TO RISE FOR ANOTHER *HOUR!*
GREAT SCOTT! THEN THE DAM

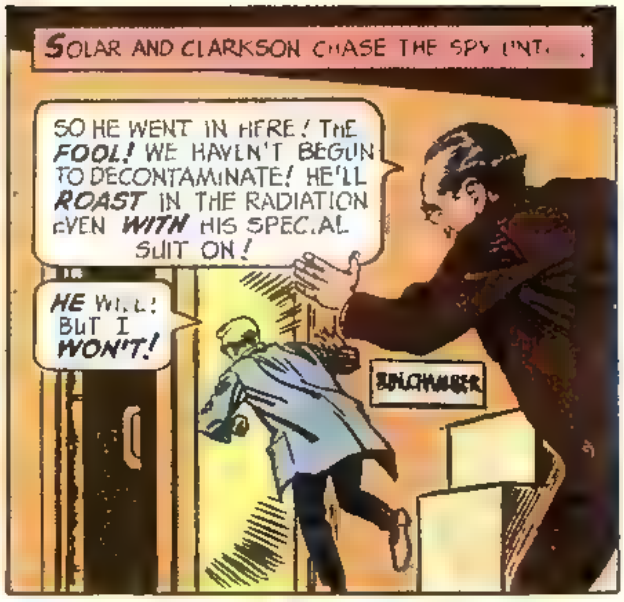

THE BURST OF INCANDESCENT HEAT FROM NURO'S FIREBALL MELTS THE GREAT STRUCTURE LIKE BUTTER! IN ONE BLAZING MINUTE, MAN'S AWESOME MONUMENT IS IN RUINS!


INSTANTLY, AT ATOM VALLEY, DR CLARKSON MAKES HIS DECISION.

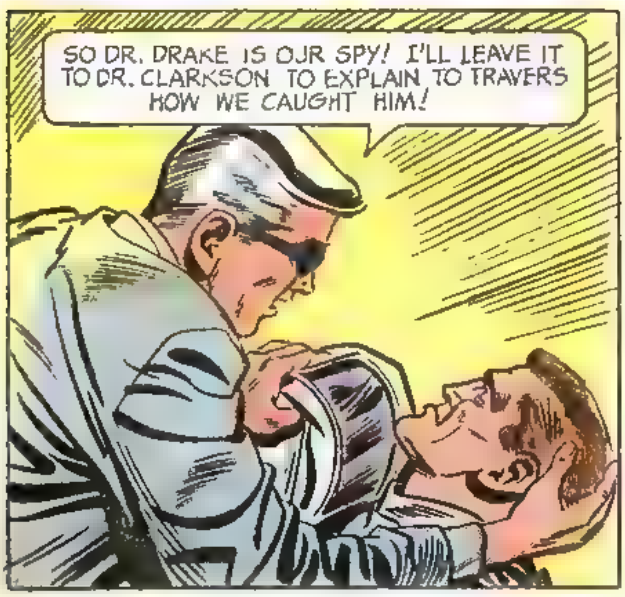


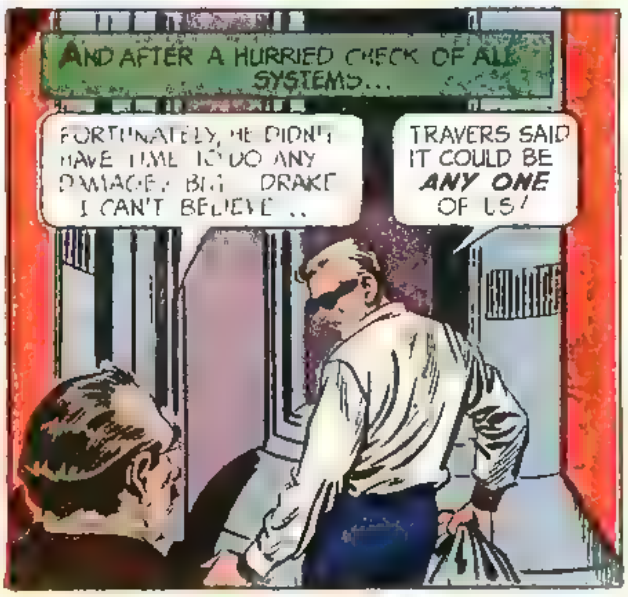
AFTER THE TEAM OF TOP SCIENTISTS IS TAKEN BELOW...
GENTLEMEN, THIS IS A SECRET, UNDERGROUND LABORATORY! UNTIL WE COMPLETE PROJECT RA, WE WILL ALL BE CONFINED HERE!
NOW UNDER A TENSE CLOAK OF SUSPICION WORK CONTINUES..
WELL, OUR SPY CAN'T GET OUT TO INFORM HIS SUPERIOR!
NO, BUT HE WILL BY SABOTAGE!
FINALLY, THREE FEVERISH DAYS OF WORK LATER.
WELL, SOLAR, I'VE ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH FOR TOMORROW MORNING! YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN TRIGGER THE SUN IN SPACE?
POSITIVE! OUR BIG PROBLEM IS SMUGGLING ME ABOARD WITHOUT TRAVERS' FINDING OUT!
AND IN THE WEE HOURS, TWO FIGURES QUIETLY STEAL DOWN AN EMPTY CORRIDOR.
THAT'S FUNNY! THE DOOR'S OPEN SOMEONE'S BEEN TAMPERING--
OUR SPY! HURRY!
LAUNCHING PAD
YOU THERE! STOP! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY!
CLUNG
KLANG KLANG
CLOP
CLOP CLOP
CLOP CLOP

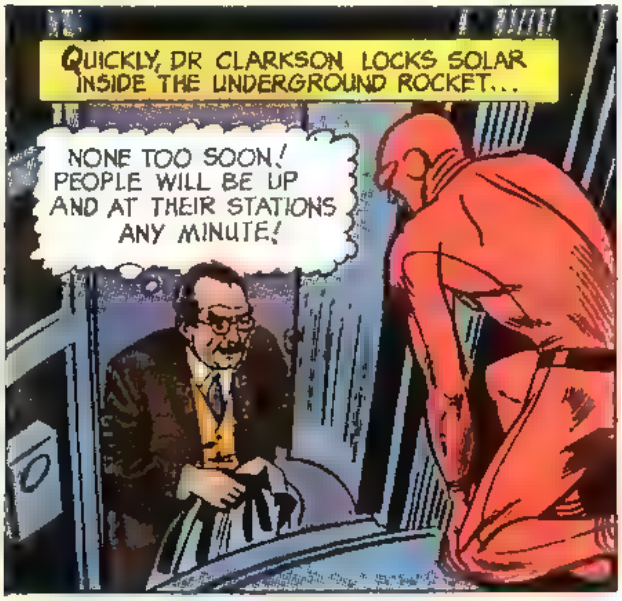
FOLLOW HIM, SOLAR! HE'S GETTING OUT THE EMERGENCY DOOR!
STOP!

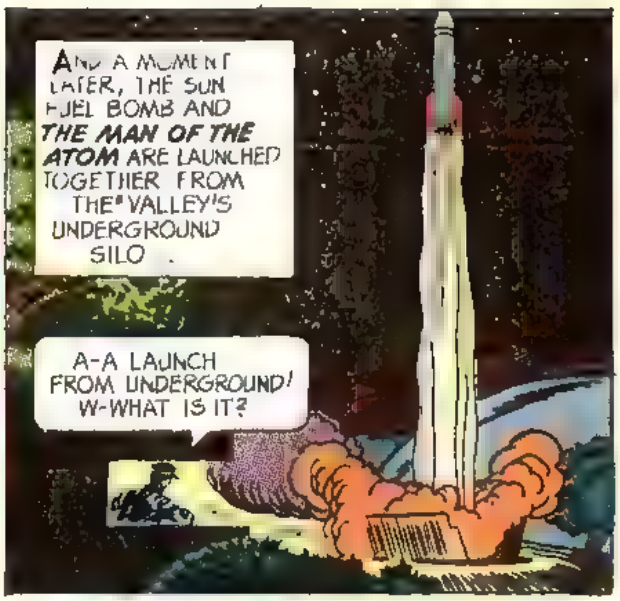

SOLAR AND CLARKSON CHASE THE SPY INTO
SO HE WENT IN HERE! THE FOOL! WE HAVEN'T BEGUN TO DECONTAMINATE! HE'LL ROAST IN THE RADIATION EVEN WITH HIS SPECIAL SUIT ON!
HE WILL! BUT I WON'T!
DECONTAMINATION CHAMBER

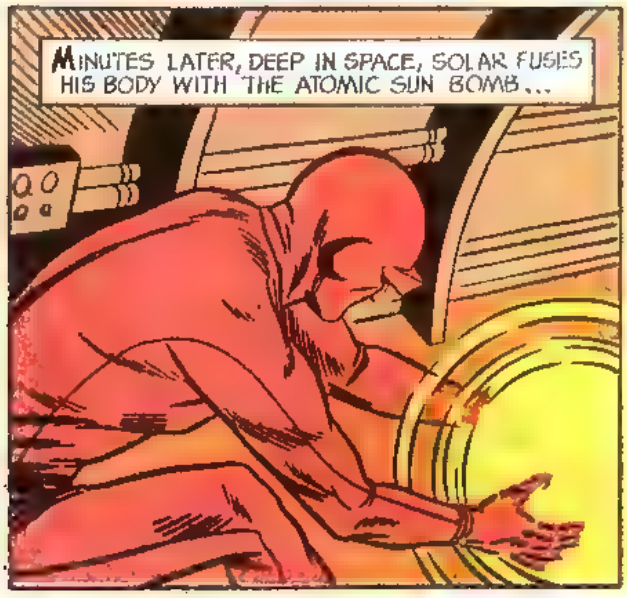
THERE HE IS! THE RADIATION MUST HAVE GOT HIM INSTANTLY!


SO DR. DRAKE IS OUR SPY! I'LL LEAVE IT TO DR. CLARKSON TO EXPLAIN TO TRAVERS HOW WE CAUGHT HIM!

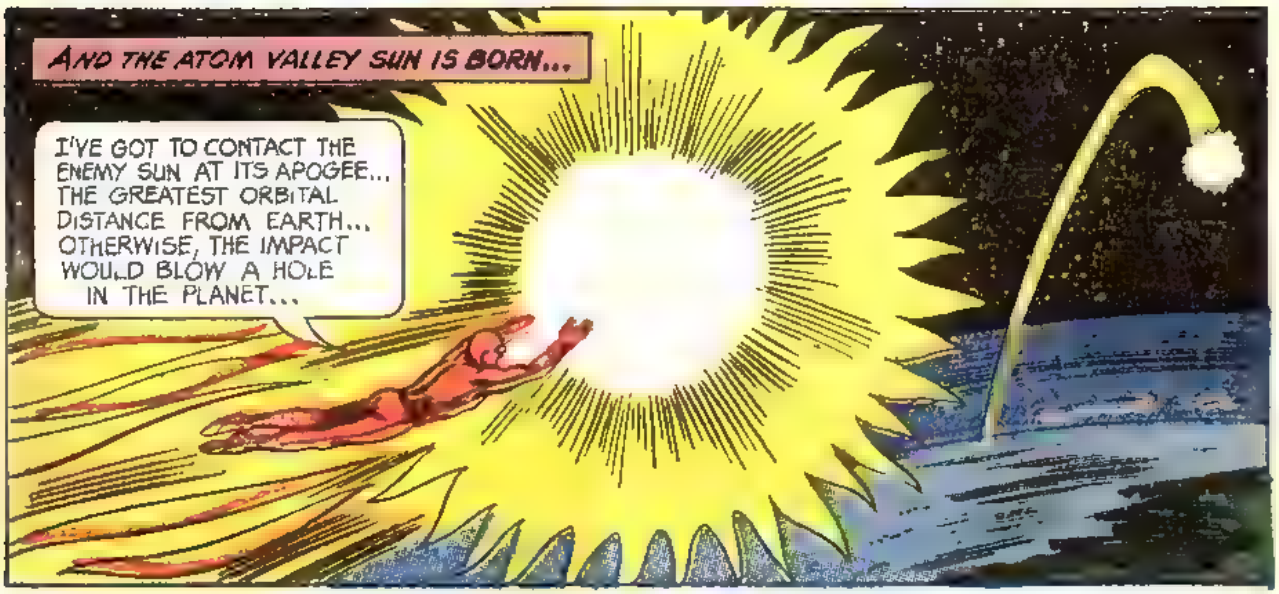

AND AFTER A HURRIED CHECK OF ALL SYSTEMS...
FORTUNATELY, HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO DO ANY DAMAGE! BIG DRAKE I CAN'T BELIEVE ..
TRAVERS SAID IT COULD BE ANY ONE OF US!

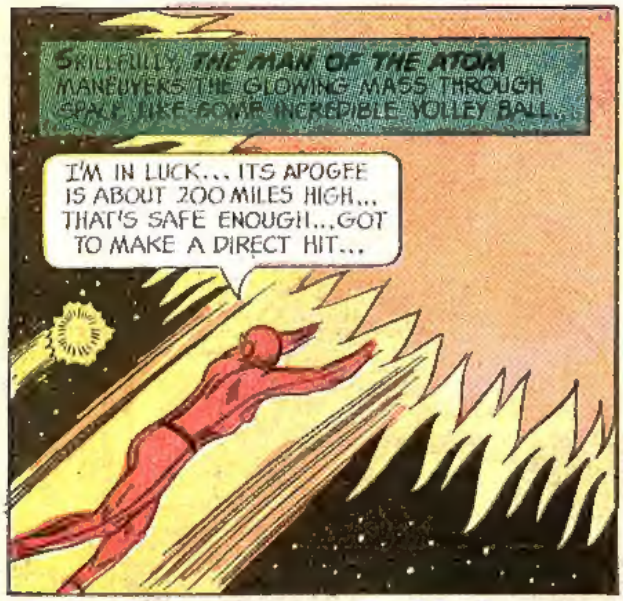

QUICKLY, DR CLARKSON LOCKS SOLAR INSIDE THE UNDERGROUND ROCKET...
NONE TOO SOON! PEOPLE WILL BE UP AND AT THEIR STATIONS ANY MINUTE!


AND A MOMENT LATER, THE SUN FUEL BOMB AND THE MAN OF THE ATOM ARE LAUNCHED TOGETHER FROM THE VALLEY'S UNDERGROUND SILO
A-A LAUNCH FROM UNDERGROUND! W-WHAT IS IT?

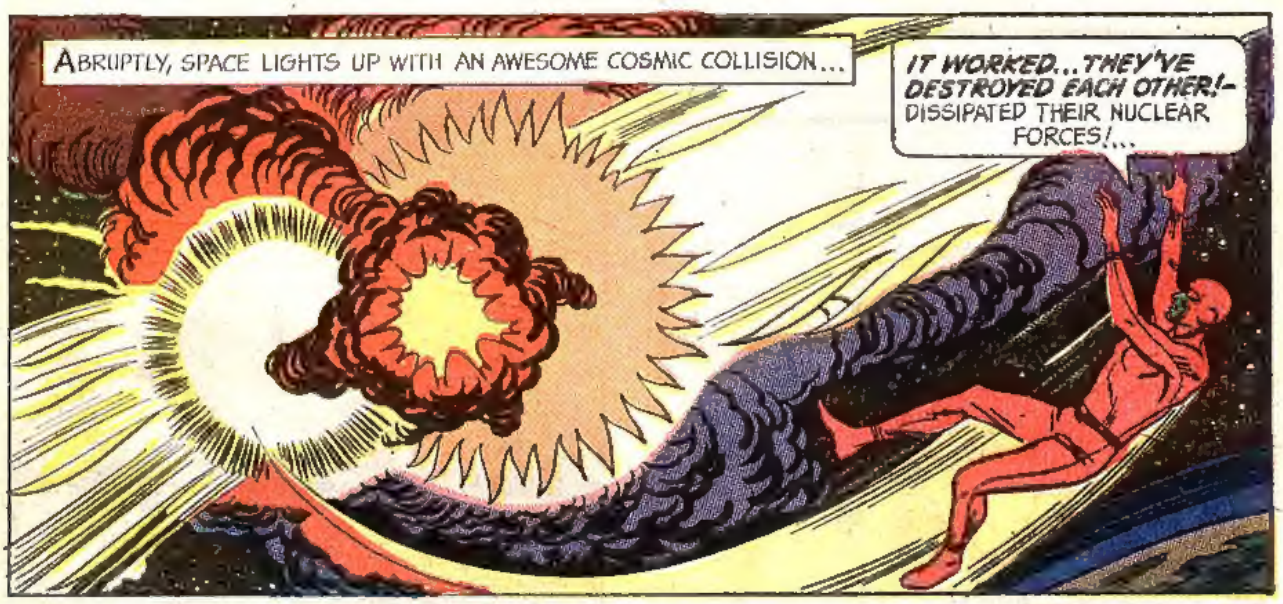

MINUTES LATER, DEEP IN SPACE, SOLAR FUSES HIS BODY WITH THE ATOMIC SUN BOMB...

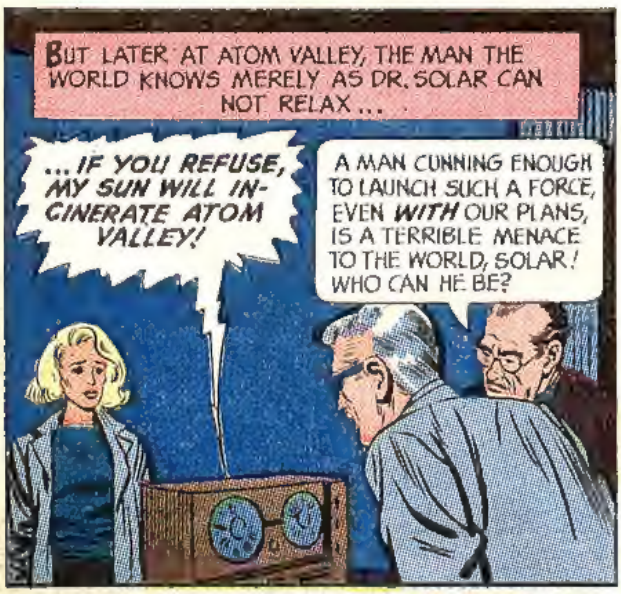
INSTANTLY, THE TERRIBLE POWER IS TRIGGERED


AND THE ATOM VALLEY SUN IS BORN...
I'VE GOT TO CONTACT THE ENEMY SUN AT ITS APOGEE... THE GREATEST ORBITAL DISTANCE FROM EARTH... OTHERWISE, THE IMPACT WOULD BLOW A HOLE IN THE PLANET...


SKILLFULLY, THE MAN OF THE ATOM MANEUVERS THE GLOWING MASS THROUGH SPACE LIKE SOME INCREDIBLE VOLLEY BALL...
I'M IN LUCK... ITS APOGEE IS ABOUT 200 MILES HIGH... THAT'S SAFE ENOUGH!...GOT TO MAKE A DIRECT HIT...

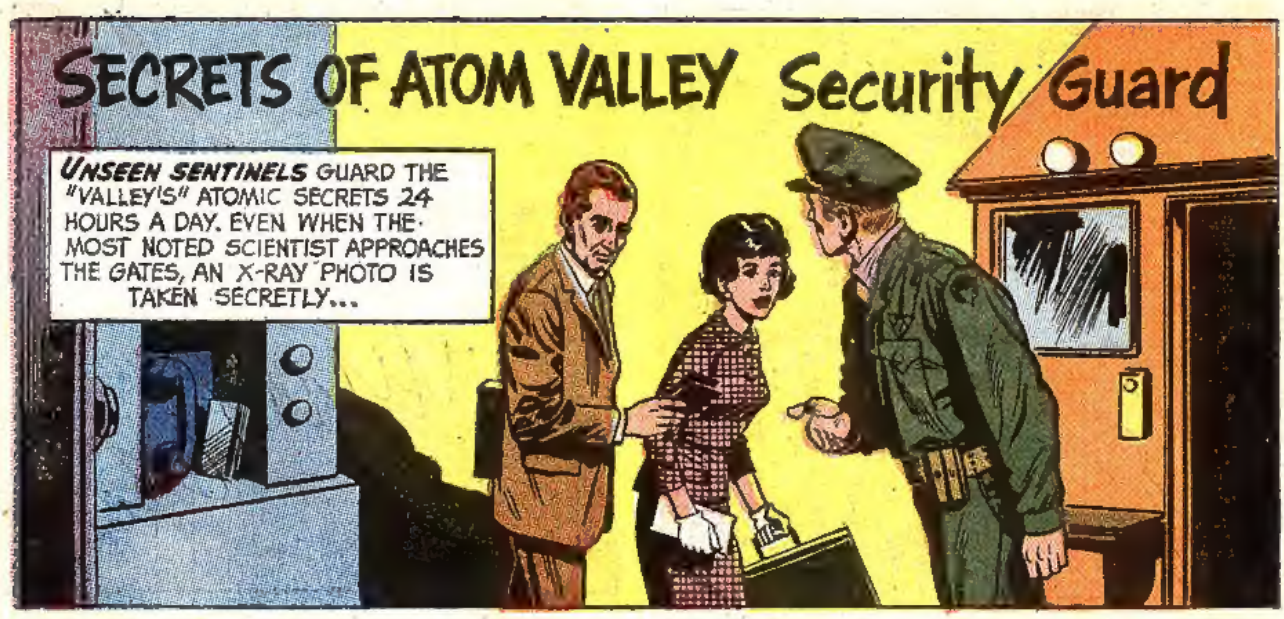
WHEN THE TWO MEET THEY SHOULD FORM A CRITICAL MASS...ERUPT IN A NOVA EXPLOSION! HERE WE GO... DEAD ON TARGET!

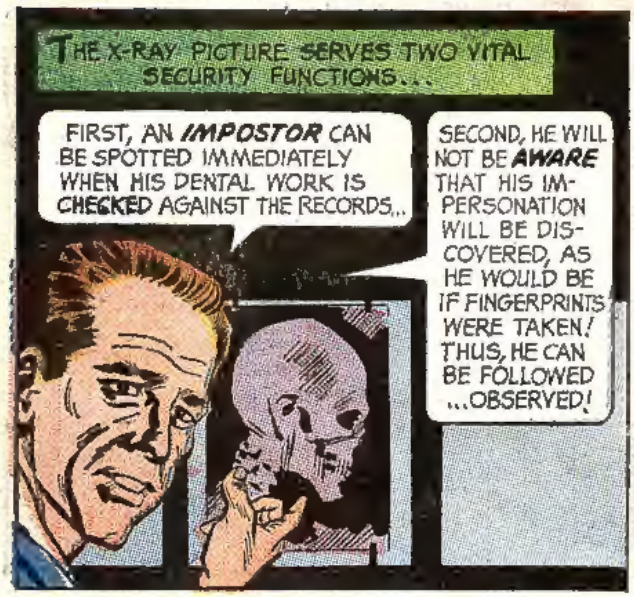

ABRUPTLY, SPACE LIGHTS UP WITH AN AWESOME COSMIC COLLISION...
IT WORKED...THEY'VE DESTROYED EACH OTHER!- DISSIPATED THEIR NUCLEAR FORCES!...

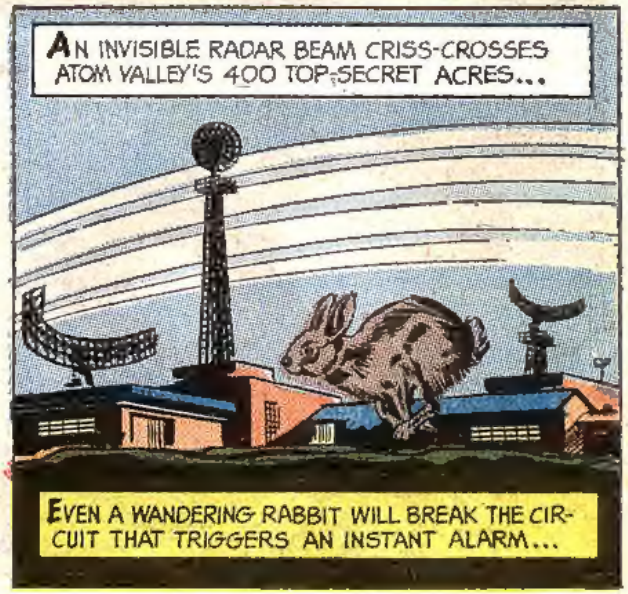

BUT LATER AT ATOM VALLEY, THE MAN THE WORLD KNOWS MERELY AS DR. SOLAR CAN NOT RELAX...
...IF YOU REFUSE, MY SUN WILL INCINERATE ATOM VALLEY!
A MAN CUNNING ENOUGH TO LAUNCH SUCH A FORCE, EVEN WITH OUR PLANS, IS A TERRIBLE MENACE TO THE WORLD, SOLAR! WHO CAN HE BE?

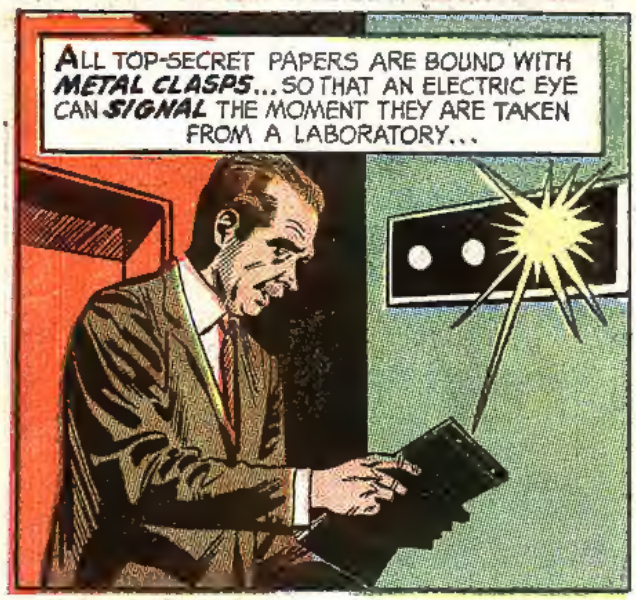
I'M GOING TO PLAY HIS VOICE OVER A THOUSAND TIMES IF I HAVE TO! IT'S OUR ONLY CLUE... AND ONE DAY I'LL HEAR THAT MONSTER IN PERSON... AND KNOW WHO HE IS!
CLICK!

SECRETS OF ATOM VALLEY Security Guard


UNSEEN SENTINELS GUARD THE "VALLEY'S" ATOMIC SECRETS 24 HOURS A DAY. EVEN WHEN THE MOST NOTED SCIENTIST APPROACHES THE GATES, AN X-RAY PHOTO IS TAKEN SECRETLY...


THE X-RAY PICTURE SERVES TWO VITAL SECURITY FUNCTIONS...
FIRST, AN IMPOSTOR CAN BE SPOTTED IMMEDIATELY WHEN HIS DENTAL WORK IS CHECKED AGAINST THE RECORDS...
SECOND, HE WILL NOT BE AWARE THAT HIS IMPERSONATION WILL BE DISCOVERED, AS HE WOULD BE IF FINGERPRINTS WERE TAKEN! THUS, HE CAN BE FOLLOWED ...OBSERVED!


AN INVISIBLE RADAR BEAM CRISS-CROSSES ATOM VALLEY'S 400 TOP-SECRET ACRES...
EVEN A WANDERING RABBIT WILL BREAK THE CIRCUIT THAT TRIGGERS AN INSTANT ALARM...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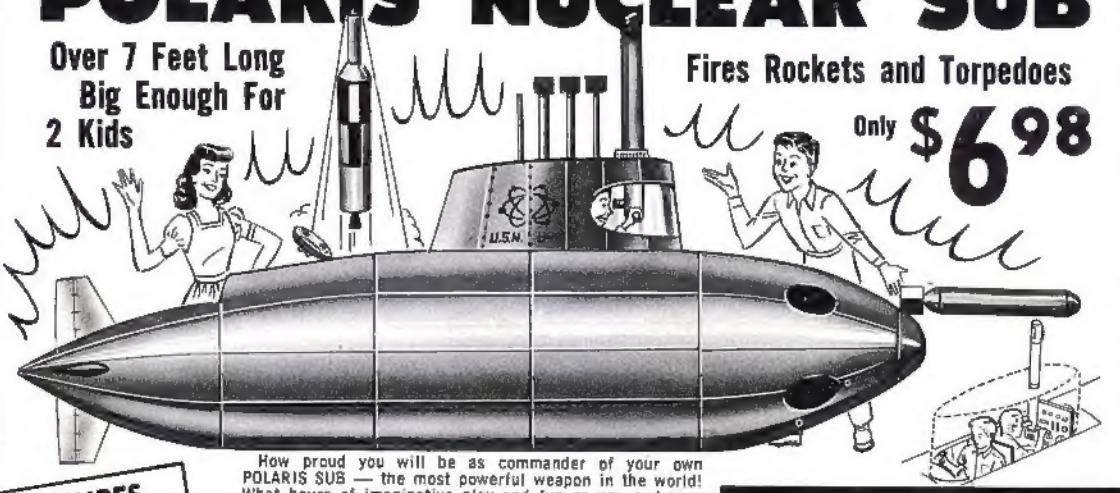

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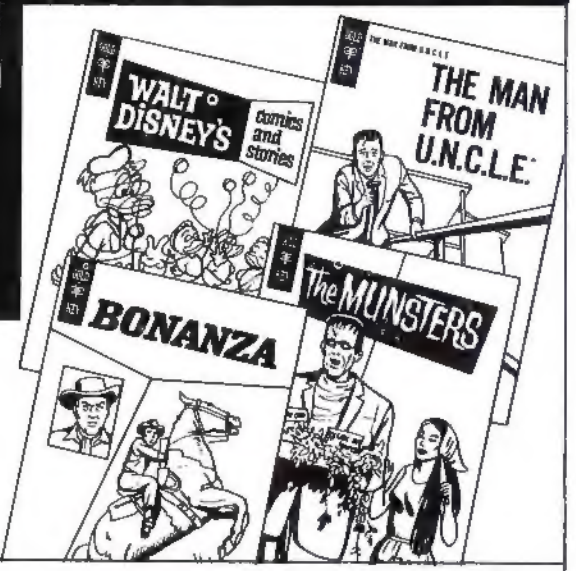

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